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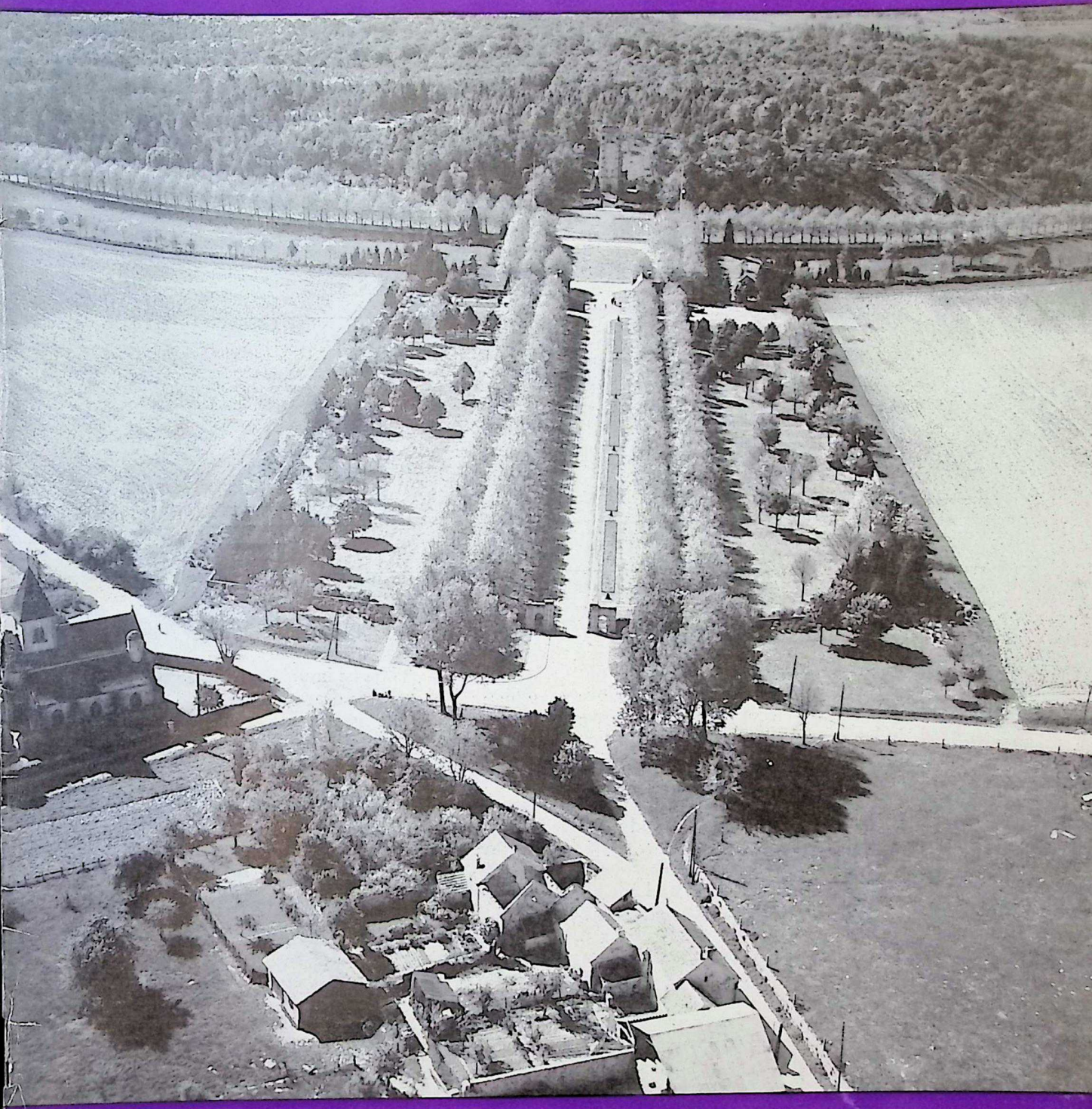

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INFORMATION

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EDITORIAL

Peace On Earth - Good Will Toward Men

But that has nothing to do with Memorial Day. Peace on earth makes you think of warm lovely things; the light from a window shining out through the darkness and sparkling on the snow; tinsel and bright ribbons; the glow of love and laughter and a brief feeling of comradeship with strangers near and far. It means the strange tie with ancient Rome where the hearth was the gathering place and the fire reached out to draw the family home.

Of course since the war there are many broken circles. However much the fire danced and crackled, however high the flames leaped, they could not entice with their warmth the man sleeping in another land, his face forever turned from the hearthstone. Turned from his dearly beloved, who cannot — even on this day set aside for remembering him — go to his grave to place some flowers on it and have a bittersweet reunion for a moment. She can only imagine a small white cross — one of many rows of crosses on a hillside so far away that her mind shrinks at the thought of it.

The cross is her memorial; that and her aching loneliness and the thoughts which she knows are useless and pointless: "Was he in pain? Did he know he was dying? Did he . . . dear God . . . did he call my name?" Here the heart grows faint.

What is your answer to the WHY that hits you like a rocket? Where do you think the seeds of wars start to sprout — in some secret diplomatic session twenty years from now? Haven't you learned that war is not some magical plant like Jack's beanstalk that sprang up overnight? It needs time and nourishment in order to grow. It was planted in the war just ended, and is even now sending out roots. The fertilizer is abundant, for war feeds upon greed and lust for power, and the hatred of men and of nations for each other. Waves of anti-Semitism are breaking out everywhere. A division of Negro soldiers, who had honorably discharged their duties in defending democracy, were ordered back to the United States. When they arrived at an embarkation port in France, the naval officer in charge of the ship to which they were assigned refused to permit them to board. Can you guess why? Because he did not have facilities for keeping them separate from the white soldiers. More recently high-minded citizens aided "the work which

they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced" by indignantly refusing the United Nations Organizations a site for a permanent home. This happened in a community of educated and cultured people.

And don't forget that ace of fertilizers, Senator Bilbo, who with his friends have succeeded in blocking every intelligent and progressive item of legislation which has appeared. They have convinced Congress that democracy is seriously threatened by the Fair Employment Practices Commission, which holds that a man with the desire and ability to work can do so whether or not he is the "wrong" race or color or religion. Or that a decent man is even more degraded when he is hired for being the "right" kind. These bits are enough to keep the plant growing until the time when its hideous crimson fruit can burst and cover the world with the putrescent stench of war.

You sweated out the war in some hellhole for a couple of years or more. You didn't have the time or energy to even think, much less spread any war propaganda. You want to forget — to have a home and a job and a family and peace — and you want to forget.

Do you know what mocks at these longings? The menace that laughs at stone and steel and a hideaway in the woods: the scientists have told us that there is no possible device which can combat the atom bomb. They advise us that the only weapon is a spiritual one. If each man would solemnly examine his beliefs and try to live according to the best ones, we could have peace. We could look at the world into which we are bringing our children and call it good. We could live in peace and harmony with the Pole next door, the Italian down the street, the Irishman across from us and the Jew on the next street.

How much longer are we going to pack into a box, along with the tinsel and the colored ornaments and the star made of silver paper, the brief love and goodwill we feel for mankind? How much longer are our great patriots going to be remembered one day a year for giving us a day off, instead of by carrying out their hopes for a better world? How much longer is the Constitution going to be a yellowing piece of paper under glass, instead of a vital living thing that means peace and security?

Well, here's another May. New allurements are appearing. The earth is softly curving; a fragile green is suffusing her surface; and the birds call a welcome to each other. But the sleeping man sleeps on; toward even these delights he does not turn his face. In the immortal phrase of the immortal Lincoln:

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here . . . ."

27TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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HEADQUARTERS — WORCESTER

REGISTRATION

To date the advance registration has every promise of being the largest that any annual YD Convention has ever experienced and the General Chairman and his Convention Committee wishes at this time to give a hearty vote of thanks to the greatest and most sincere National Commander that a convention committee ever had the pleasure to work with. His untiring devotion to the cause of YD for the past year and his unceasing efforts to help make this convention a success will never be forgotten by his comrades in Worcester. Our hats are off to a real gentleman and a true son of YD.

A word of warning to you comrades who have failed to register to date. The convention committee will have to give a guarantee to the caterer who is to put on the Monster Clam Bake and Lobster Dinner not later than June 1st, due to the shortage of the materials that go into a dinner of this type, so if you plan to put your feet under the table and eat clams and lobster on Friday, the 28th of June, let us know by sending in your registration before the first of June otherwise you will be out of luck. The registration fee changes from $2.00 to $2.50 the 25th of May.

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SOUVENIR BOOK OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS

In every issue of "DOINGS" we have repeatedly called to the attention of the membership that we are to publish a *special* souvenir book that will contain the pictures of the Sons and Daughters of YD, Men of World War No. I — no matter what *branch* of the service they served in during World War No. II. In talking to members of the several chapters I have visited there seems to be some confusion as to whether the children had to serve in the 26th Division in this last war to have their pictures published in this book.

I hope this notice clears up the question and will you send in either a cut or a photograph of your boy or girl. All cuts or photos will be returned post paid.

NATIONAL CONVENTION — THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Practically all chapters have by now received a sufficient amount of prize-drawing books with a circular letter explaining this feature of the convention.

As we want this post-war Victory Convention as our National Commander so aptly called it in his talk before the Hartford Chapter to be the best ever, we took this grand-prize idea as a method to raise enough of money to assure each and every member who attends, the best time that they have ever experienced at any convention. Just to sight one example: The registration fee is two dollars. The clam bake and lobster dinner we are planning to serve will be along the lines of the Springfield convention and all who attended that dinner know that it was the best ever put out by a convention committee. As that was in in 1942, and this is 1946 we all realize the prices of everything have increased 80% and our shore dinner will cost us in the neighborhood of three dollars per person. Now add the cost of all other attractions to this one item and then figure out for yourselves what you are getting for your two dollar registration fee.

You can readily see why your committee is anxious to have each and every member sell just one of the books for the GRAND PRIZE drawing to be held the night of the Military Ball at the Memorial Auditorium.

As soon as a book is sold make your returns to your chapter commander. This should not be too great an effort on the part of a good YD man.

In addition to the prizes already listed on the circular you received by mail, we intend to give a Good-Will Prize to the chapter selling the most books according to the percentage of their membership. For instance, a chapter having forty members will have the same advantage as a chapter with a membership of eight hundred on the percentage basis. So what do you say, fellows, let's get on the ball and dispose of all the books sent you.

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THE PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS' DINNER TO GEN. WILLARD S. PAUL

At 27th National Convention — Worcester Saturday, June 29, 1946

To All Chapter Commanders:

Due to the many calls and letters the convention headquarters have received from the Mothers, Wives, and Sweeethearts of the boys who served under General Paul, asking to be able to attend the dinner and hear General Paul, the Convention Committee are forced to change the dinner from "STAG" to an all out gathering of YD Comrades and their ladies.

If your Chapter is to be represented at this feature of the Convention you must put your bid for tickets in early as the seating capacity in the Grand Ball Room of the Sheraton Hotel is limited to 700.

The time, 6 P. M., Saturday evening, June 29th.

Cost of dinner tickets $3.00, including tax.

Reservations must be closed June 15, so please help out your hard working committee by sending for tickets for your chapter early.

Fred A. Jones, General Chairman,
Convention Committee.

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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

The final plans have been completed for what should be the outstanding feature of our Convention and that is the public demonstration honoring all our comrades who have answered the call of the Supreme Commander and have taken their place in the ranks of that great army above.

It surely is befitting for us YD men who pause for a minute of silence during every chapter, state, or national meeting in memory of our dead to show the public at large that we have kept faith with those who have gone before us.

The Memorial Service this year will be celebrated by our National Chaplain, Rev. Thomas F. Temple of New York Chapter assisted by the chaplains of the 26th Division of World War II.

This service will take place on the beautiful "Fitton Field" of Holy Cross College and the stadium seats over twenty thousand people. Seats for the Veterans of the YD and their ladies will be reserved and as there will be a large gathering of people from Worcester and Worcester County it is very important that the old YD is represented en masse.

The time of this service is 10 A. M., Sunday morning, and there is ample room for the parking of automobiles, and extra busses will be running from the center of the city to Holy Cross College, a distance of about two miles.

Let's all make an earnest effort to attend this Memorial Service.

COPY FOR DOINGS

June Convention Issue Must Be In By May 20th!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT WORCESTER, MASS.

First row, left to right: **Eric A. Thoreen, Senior Vice Commander; Dennis J. Brunton, National Commander; Henry N. Russell, Chapter Commander; Roswell Patch, National Sgt.-at-Arms; James J. Wrightson, Junior Vice Commander.**

Second row, left to right: **George A. Gaumond, Chaplain; Thomas H. McCarthy, P.C., Trustee; Clyde O. Elliott, P.D.C. Adjutant; Edward F. Racicot, Sgt.-at-Arms; James W. Kierstead, Treasurer.**

The April meeting of this chapter was the installation of Officers conducted by our National Commander, Dennis J. Brunton and his Sgt.-at-Arms, Roswell Patch both of Springfield. This affair was attended by many representatives of the other veterans organizations of the city, who all wished the new commander, Henry N. Russell, and his staff of Officers success for the next year. Many other City Officials were present to witness this affair, following which the new Officers were seated so that a group picture could be taken of them to be used for posterity. Following the installation entertainment was provided by the house committee that was greatly appreciated by all present.

Refreshments prepared by Mrs. Burke topped off the evening's affair. His Honor, the Mayor (Jeff) Sullivan came in just in time to partake of the refreshments and to say a few words to the members and friends present.

OFFICIAL YD LAPEL BUTTON

Do you wear the Official Insignia? Let the world know you belong to the greatest and most exclusive outfit in the country, by wearing the button at all times. When you meet a stranger where do you look first? At his lapel to see if he is wearing a service button and if it is YD, that is all the introduction needed. Buttons may be obtained at National Headquarters for 50 cents each.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

In March a National Executive Committee meeting was held at the YD Club House in Worcester. The attendance was very good. On March 30 I installed the officers of the Springfield Chapter at the Hotel Kimball where a very fine party was arranged by Chairman Dave Hogan. As this was a joint installation Dave was ably assisted by Mrs. Robert Beach. Roswell Patch, my Sgt.-at-Arms did a very fine job.

On April 4, I also had the honor of installing the Worcester Chapter officers. This was another very fine party with delicious refreshments and good entertainment. April 6, I installed Commander Cooper and on April 7, I installed the Department of Massachusetts officers.

On April 13th we found ourselves once more back in Salem for a welcome home party for World War II YD boys back from service. The Armory at Salem was the place for this party and it was certainly a very lovely sight to see four hundred boys with their escorts in formal dress seated at the long banquet tables which filled the large auditorium, and when the grand march ended, there were 32 abreast down the floor. Comrade Thibault is to be congratulated on his excellent work in making this party such an outstanding affair.

On April 14th, I installed the State of Connecticut Department officers. The party was a very fine one arranged by Gardner Hall. April 20 found our party in Lynn where we installed the Lynn Chapter officers. The affair was held at the Oxford Club and was a very fine affair. I had the honor of being presented with a beautiful Gold YD plaque which I shall treasure always. The chapter also presented Mrs. Brunton with a beautiful arm bouquet and my worthy Sgt.-at-Arms with a fine bill fold inscribed by the Lynn Chapter.

The National Convention Chairman Fred Jones and Mrs. Jones are stepping along with your National Commander's party and boosting the Convention with all the zeal at his command.

Do your part and cooperate with him in making this convention the most successful in YDVA history.

— DENNIS J. BRUNTON,
National Commander.

WHO GOES THERE?

It couldn't have happened to a nicer fellow. How many times have we heard that expression. But this story has a different slant on the old refrain. It concerns Lt. Col. Leon G. Gladding, who at present is with the occupational forces in Germany, but at the time of this story was a captain.

It was during the coastal patrol days, when the 104th was stationed in Georgia and Florida. Two or three times a month the coast guard furnished three or four cutters to give training to the troops on jungle landings.

About a hundred fully equipped men would board the sleek grey craft on Florida's Inland waterway at Jacksonville and the trip down the tropical creeks of the mangrove swamps of central Florida. Capt. Gladding was in charge of the assault troops to clear the jungle of a mythical enemy force which was assumed to have landed on the beaches during the night. This would also be training for the men on how to conduct themselves in dense jungle growth. After an hour of sailing the "Fleet" arrived in Palm Valley, the point of the assault. The sailors maneuvered the boats close to the slimy, miry shore and Capt. Gladding poised on the edge of the cutter, lifted high his carbine and shouted, "Follow me, men! and — lost his footing and dropped seven or eight feet into the soft, oozy mud.

With great dignity he picked himself up and pointed to the mythical enemy hidden in the jungle and called out "Carry on Men!"

When the Division found it necessary to advance while pursuing the 11th Panzer division in Central Germany, half of the M.P. company was left behind to guard the enemy prisoners till the 12th Army group M.P.'s should arrive and take over. After the advance the Germans counter-attacked and rescued their men and took about 40 M.P.s prisoners. Several days later the division captured a town and lo and behold! — rescued about 32 of our M.P.s who were left, a most interesting fact of men captured from our rear should turn up ahead of us. But the interesting part of the affair occurred during the night a little later. A member of the security guard heard someone approaching from enemy territory and challenged and demanded the countersign. The answer from the darkness was that he was an M.P. escaped from his German captors and had been looking for the division for two or three days. The guard again demanded password or he would fire. Out of the darkness came the exhortation "Don't shoot, I'm Sam Baker from Boston, that's all the password I know." And that's who it was. It was necessary to have some officer who knew Sam Baker come and identify the M.P. before the guard would let him in.

— ALFRED LAFRENIERE, Springfield Chapter.

Report of the Nominating Committee Y. D. V. A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 14, 1946, and selected the following candidates for election to office at the 27th Annual Meeting in Worcester, June 29th.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

National Commander
Lawrence H. Cook — Providence, Rhode Island

National Chaplain
Rev. Willard S. Smith — At large

National Treasurer
L. H. Redfield — Boston, Mass.

National Judge Advocate
Robert J. Ryan — Montpelier, Vt. (new)

National Historian
John J. Goss — Hartford, Conn.

National Americanization Officer
Timothy C. Doherty — Boston, Mass.

National Service Officer
Frank W. Coppinger — Boston, Mass.

National Vice Commander for Maine
Norman S. Thomas — Lewiston, Maine

National Vice Commander for N. H.
Michael E. S. McDermott (103rd Inf.)

National Vice Commander for Vermont
John H. Strong — Bellows Falls, Vt.

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts
Joseph Watton — Lawrence, Mass.

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island
Carl G. Olson — Kent County

National Vice Commander for Connecticut
Clarence Roys — Meriden, Conn.

National Vice Commander for Dept. U. S.
William H. Cowie — New York

Three Additional Members
National Executive Committee
Edmund O'Connell — Chicago, Ill.
Robert Dickson — New York
William Coffey — Boston, Mass.

PROPOSED NEW OFFICERS

Asst. National Chaplain
Rev. Francis Bramsfield — Boston

Asst. National Treasurer
Earl S. Eaves — Boston

Asst. National Historian
John Cotter — Boston

Two Additional Members of Executive Committee To Be World War II Veterans:—
Daniel O'Brien — Boston
John D. Cook — At Large (Penn.)

The Nominating Committee is a grateful for the able assistance and direction given by Daniel A. O'Brien in the selection of new YD men for office, but who did not vote.

The Nominating Committee have prepared and offer the following nominations for the proposed offices recommended by National Executive Committee, subject to action of approval at Annual Meeting.

Above candidates respectfully submitted:
(Chr.) John W. Dunlap, N. H.
Eugene Baudoin, Me.
Thos. E. Kennedy, Mass.
Wm. E. Bergin, R. I.
Edgar F. Miller, Conn.
William H. Cowie, U. S.
B. Marsh Wheldon, Vt. (absent)

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Resolved by the Yankee Division Club of Washington, a chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, in regular meeting assembled this 9th day of January, 1946: "That the Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association should be amended to provide for representative conventions, and to reconstitute the National Executive Committee, and for other purposes, and that the amendments numbered 1 to 7 attached hereto be presented to the 1946 annual convention for adoption".

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Change Article VIII, Section 2 to read as follow:

"Section 2. Additional National Conventions may be called in the following manner, (a) by majority vote of the National Executive Committee and (b) upon the written request of ten chapters. The National Executive Committee or the chapters requesting the additional National Convention, as the case may be, shall state the purpose or purposes for which the convention is to be held. Such purpose or purposes shall be clearly stated in the call for the convention and no other business shall be in order at such additional National Convention".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Change Article VIII, Section 3 to read as follows:

"Section 3. Notice of each annual and additional National Convention, stating the place, opening date and time, and duration thereof, shall be mailed to each chapter at least sixty days preceeding the opening date of the said convention. A copy of such notice shall be mailed to each member not less than thirty days prior to the convention or published in an issue of YANKEE DOINGS to be mailed at least thirty days prior to the convention. When an additional National Convention is ordered by the National Executive Committee or requested by ten or more chapters, the convention call shall be issued within thirty days thereafter, and shall set the opening date of the additional National Convention not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days after such call. All such additional National Conventions shall beheld at National Headquarters".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Change Article VIII, Section 4 to read as follows:

"Section 4. A National Convention shall consist of delegates, alternate delegates, National Officers, and all Past National Commanders and Past National Presidents whose current dues have been paid provided that alternate delegates shall be entitled to vote only in the absence of delegates and only the most recent Past National Commander shall be entitled to vote. All members of the Convention shall be entitled to discuss any question properly before the convention. Chairman of National Committees shall be entitled to discuss questions pertinent to their duties. A quorum shall consist of delegates from fifteen chapters".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

Change Article VIII, Section 5 to read as follows:

"Section 5. Each chapter shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate and to one additional delegate and alternate delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof, based on its paid up membership as of thirty days prior to the opening date of any National Convention. A list of the delegates and alternate delegates duly elected by the chapter shall be certified by the Commander thereof and sent to the Chairman of the National Convention Committee to be held unopened for referral to the Credentials Committee prior to the opening of the Convention. The National Treasurer shall present to the Credentials Committee, prior to the opening of the National Convention a certified statement of the paid up membership of each chapter as of twenty days prior to the opening of the Convention".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Add to Article VIII

"Section 6. Each National Convention shall have committees on "Credentials", "Rules", and "Resolutions" to be composed of seven delegates each, one to be designated by each Department Commander, provided that no National Officer other than a National Vice Commander shall be eligible to serve on these Committees. Each of these committees shall meet not later than two hours prior to the convening of the opening session of the convention, and shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

The Credentials Committee shall examine the list of delegates and alternate-delegates submitted by each chapter and the statement of paid up membership presented by the National Treasurer, and shall report to the Convention the number of votes each chapter appears entitled to. Any chapter in disagreement with the Committee report shall have an opportunity to present its case to the Convention. No business involving a vote except that in connection with the Credentials Committee report, shall be in order until the voting strength has been established by the Convention.

The Rules Committee shall prepare a set of rules to govern the conduct of the convention. The report of this committee shall be the next order of business after adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions presented for action of the Convention and shall report all such resolutions to the Convention with their recommendations. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Convention and any committee thereof in any case not specifically covered by the Constitution or the approved rules of the Convention".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

Change Article XI, Section 1 to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Annual Convention shall elect the follow-National Officers:

A National Commander

A National Vice Commander from each Department

A National Treasurer
A National Chaplain
A National Historian
A National Judge-Advocate
A National Americanization Officer
A National Service Officer

In all cases where there is a contest for an office, election shall be by secret written ballot. Where there is a single nominee for any office the National Secretary shall cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for that candidate."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Change Article XIV, Section 3 to read as follows:

"Section 3. An opportunity shall be afforded for further nominations from the floor for any office except that of National Vice Commander, provided that all such nominations shall be endorsed by ten voting members of the Convention."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

Change Article XV, Section 1 to read as follows:

"Section 1. Between Annual Conventions, the administration of the Association shall be vested in a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the National Officers and the last preceeding National Commander. The National Secretary shall act as Secretary of the National Executive Committee".

REUNIONS PLANNED AT 27TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Attention 103rd Inf. Reg. Veterans!

Plans are being made for a reunion dinner and entertainment at the National Convention in June. This time is to be sandwiched in between the regular promised program planned by the Convention committee.

Come on you 103rd men let us make this a real old-fashioned reunion. Jim Kierstead who is on the program committee has started the ball rolling and would be pleased to hear from the old crowd. He was a "B" company man.

Never mind whether your dues are paid in YD or not come around and let's say "Hello" again and let us see how the years have treated you.

Come on Maine, N. H., Vermont, and Mass., contact James Kierstead, c-o Convention Headquarters, Worcester, Mass.

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101st Sanitary Train — Attention!

Arrangements are being made to set up 101st Sanitary Train Headquarters at the Hotel Sheraton, Worcester, for the coming National YD Convention in June. Here you may register in order that your old buddies may know where you are, and likewise you may locate them.

We hope, too, to arrange for a banquet, but more about that in the June issue of YANKEE DOINGS. Those of you who were fortunate to attend the dinner at Boston will happily recall that it was tops, and, most important, it brought together fellows who had not seen each other since way back; that alone was worth the price of admission.

Make your registration early for the National Convention itself. Rooms are limited and the demand will be great. When you arrive and register for the convention, look us up at our own headquarters.

Nate Goodman (103 Amb. Co.), Pres.
W. L. (Jack) Rose (102 Amb.Co.), Secy.

COL. E. M. CONNORS HONORED BY COMRADES OF BOTH WORLD WARS

A testimonial banquet honoring Col. Edward M. Connors at the Hotel Minerva, Huntington Avenue, on Monday evening, April 22, was sponsored by his comrades of "B" Co., 101st Infantry Vet. Ass'n., A.E.F., W. W. No. I.

Col. Connors who has served his state and nation's armed forces for 37 continuous years has established the longevity record in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Enlishing in "B" Co., 9th M.V.M. in 1909, he served at the Mexican Border in 1916, and saw service thru out W. W. No. I with "B" Co., 101st Inf., YD Div., participating in the five major engagements with the enemy in France. Following W. W. I, Col. Connors commanded the new "E" Co., 101st Inf., and upon the U. S. entry in W. W. II he commanded the 3rd Bn. of the 101st Inf., for over two years, Col. Connors served as chief liaison officer with the Chinese Army, Northern Rubot Area, and also saw service in the India and Burma Area.

Col. Connors is the recipient of the Yun Hui Order of the Cloud and Banner Medal conferred by Chiang Kai-Chek.

The invited guests included William M. Prendible, Maj. Wm. J. McCarthy, Capt. Geo. E. Irving, Col. Vincent C. Breen, Major Geo. E. Davis, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Osias Boucher, Cong. John W. McCormack, Maj. Wm. J. McCluskey, Postmaster Patrick J. Connelly, Gen. Francis Logan, and Judge Paul G. Kirk, Frank W. Coppinger, James J. Powers, and "Bucky" Coffey.

Harry Ginsberg, Chairman, was assisted by Jos. J. Galligan, Edw. J. (Knocko) McCormack, Mike V. McNeil, Geo. A. McDonald, John J. Kelly, John Hester, Albert Pacifici, Al Page, Francis E. A. Sullivan, Morris Cutler, Brenden Mullin, and Joseph Mannino.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did You Serve in Co. G, 101st Inf., W. W. II?

Dear Mr. Jules:

I saw your piece in the Boston *Globe*, April 13, about mothers of sons who were killed overseas, that belonged to the Yankee Division. Well sir I was engaged to a boy who was in the 101st Inf. His mother and I of course are hoping you can help us with any news other YD boys may have. The boy I am referring to is Private Alton Rogers, Co. G, 101st Inf. The last letter I had from him was Dec. 18, 1944. He was known to all his Buddies as Lefty.

I hope, sir, you will be able to help us. He was wounded Nov. 8, and awarded the Purple Heart.

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Did You Serve in Co. L, 101st Inf., W. W. II?

27 Clarence St., Everett 49, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am trying to get in touch with someone who was with Co. L, 101st Inf. who knew my son, S/Sgt. Wm. J. A. Geary, who was reported missing in action, No. 9, 1944, and four days after was reported killed in action Nov. 19, 1944, near Moyenvic, France.

I wrote Maj.-Gen. Paul about the matter and his reply was that he could add nothing to his letter of Dec. 2, 1944, but that the Adj.-Gen. office was looking into the matter and would advise me if and when they got the information. That was about 3 months ago and I have heard nothing from that office.

If you would kindly run a notice in your YANKEE DOINGS, I would be very thankful.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. J. Geary.

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Sam Greenfelt, 101st Inf., W.W. I, underwent a serious operation recently in Florida. We could not read his card well nor his address. If Sam will give more information some old friends will write him.

LATE FLASH FROM THE YD CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS!!

Tony Pastor and His 19-Piece Band Direct from Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, at the Worcester Auditorium for Grand Military Ball, Friday Evening, June 28, 1946. Dancing 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

New Procedure Needed at Chapter Meetings

February 14, 1946.

Dear Comrade:

The Washington Chapter has observed over the years that our YDVA Constitution is not meeting the needs of the Association. In our conventions we must get away from the "Town Meeting" concept in favor of Chapter Delegate Representation.

We feel, also, that the National Executive Committee should be streamlined, and, that responsibility for the administration of the Association should be placed exclusively in the hands of the officers elected in convention. As presently constituted the Executive Committee is too large, and membership thereon is more apparent than real. For example: five members may constitute a quorum of a committee membership of nearly one hundred. Obviously, true committee action is utterly impracticable.

The enclosed resolution, properly forwarded to National Headquarters, is formally sponsored by the Washington Chapter. We seek your earnest consideration and support of such measures as will properly strengthen the Chapters and the Executive Committee.

Washington Chapter has no pride in authorship. We have made this study our principal project for the year. But we are prepared to support any other chapter's efforts to the same end.

Will you write us and let us know if your chapter may find it expedient to "resolute" and vote in line with our thinking?

Sincerely yours in Comradeship,

Arthur L. Robitaille, Sr.,

Secretary.

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MEMBERSHIP STANDING

1945		1946
	DEPT. OF ME.	
9	Cumberland	15
0	Farmington	5
22	Lewiston	40
28	Waterville	24
23	At Large	24
82		108
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
9	Concord	2
0	Franklin	0
5	Keene	11
39	Manchester	78
37	Nashua	29
0	Rochester	0
0	Triangle	10
16	At Large	10
106		140
	DEPT. OF VT.	
2	Brattleboro	15
0	Burlington	0
5	Montpelier-Barre	3
32	Rutland	1
0	St. Albans	3
0	Morrisville	0
12	At Large	9
51		31
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
0	Beverly	24
314	Boston	625
8	Concord	26
3	Brockton	5
16	Danvers	27
96	Fitchburg	75
1	Foxboro	1
28	Haverhill	27
0	Holyoke	14
0	Lawrence	23
19	Lowell	17
108	Lynn	130
14	Marlboro	10
28	Milford	15
37	New Bedford	53
20	Reading	6
28	Salem	41
0	Northhampton	45
0	Pittsfield	30
45	Springfield	143
245	Worcester	126
53	At Large	85
1063		1548
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
87	Apremont	102
16	Kent County	14
83	Providence	134
0	At Large	1
186		251
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
10	Bridgeport	20
116	Bristol	117
158	Hartford	140
27	Manchester	1
0	Meriden	80
0	Middletown	0
15	New Britain	2
107	New Haven	115
13	New London	22
0	Norwalk	7
4	Stamford	7
0	Torrington	16
0	Valley	0
19	Wallingford	13
9	Waterbury	25
23	Willimantic	36
19	Groton-Stonington	0
2	At Large	4
522		605
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
12	Chicago	28
13	Cleveland	34
7	Denver	1
21	Detroit	26
0	Los Angeles	12
74	New York	171
1	Philadelphia	24
8	Washington	21
37	Life Members	37
58	At Large	351
2241		3388

*Note. Comparison is May 1 each year.

DEAD LINE !

For Photographs of Sons and Daughters to be Used in Special Book for Convention — IS MAY 17, 1946.

F COMPANY, 101 ENGINEERS

Our score is now 106. Fred Ainsmith being the new recruit.

Fred has been detailed back to Boston by the accounting department of the U. S. Treasury Dept. He is still a bachelor and looking fit.

Twelve members of the Co. attended the 27th reunion of the 101st Engineers Veterans Ass'n. held April 13th at the Cadet Armory, Harold Barclay, Elmer Casey, Red Keenan, Matty Howard, Dug MacPherson, John Miller, Bob Orchard, Leander Mais, Abe Parker, Dean Waldron, Fred Weaver, and yours truly enjoyed a good meal and seeing one-another again.

Lewis Wright from Columbus, Ohio, writes he is planning to be at the E & F Co.s party this month. "Bill" Curley who makes his home at 55 Fernwood Rd., Summit, N. J. also plans to be with us.

Parker Byson who lives in West Buxton, Me., is planning to come down to the party this year. He is one of the selectmen in his town and represents his district in the state legislature. We know now why Maine is so well governed. As a hobby he raises bees, one of the most interesting things a person can do.

E & F Co's party will be held this year on May 28th and it is now planned to go back to the Armory. Details will be sent you. Keep the date open.

There is a very persistent rumor going the rounds that "Joe" Kinahan is married. Good luck.

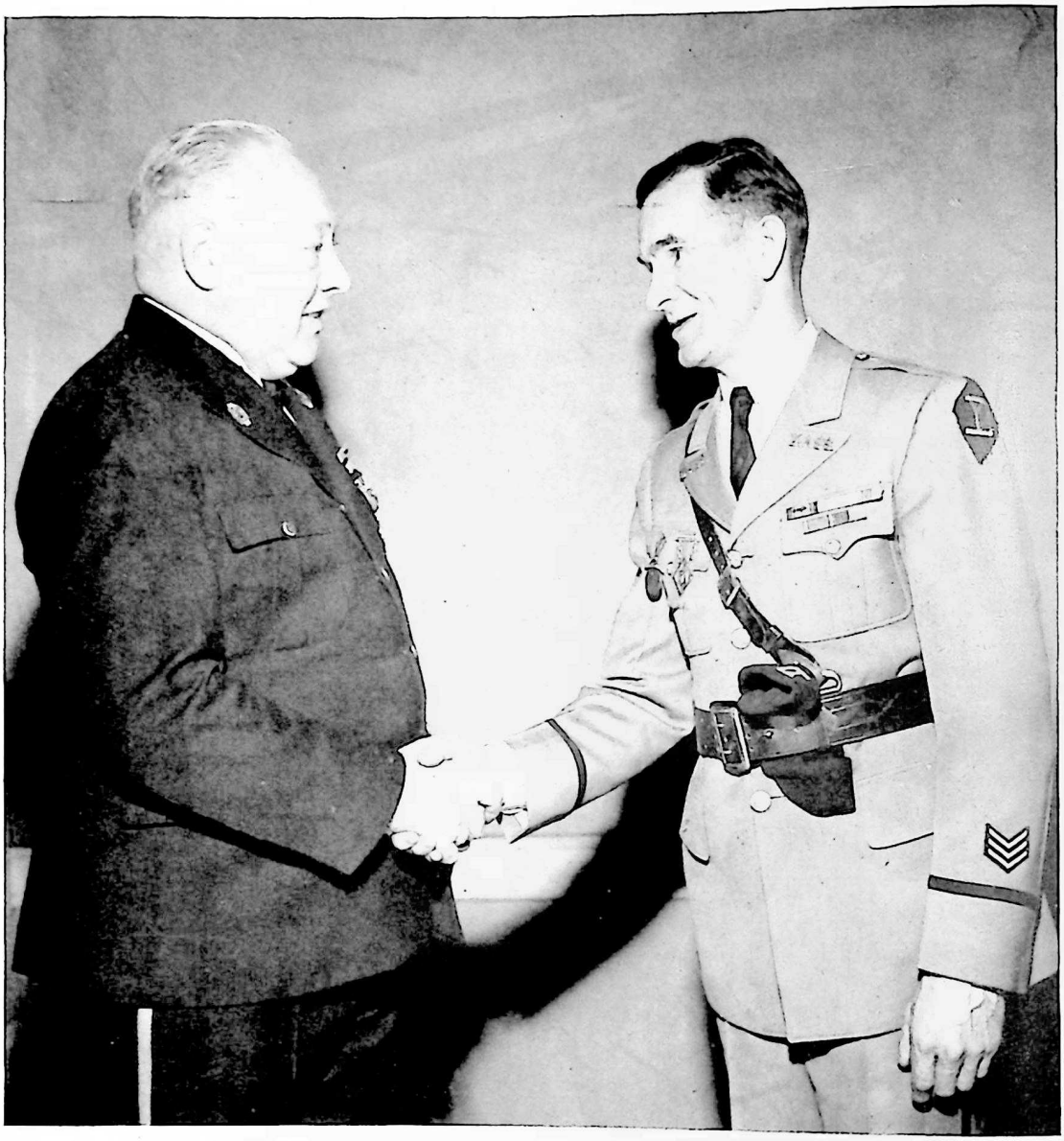
Be sure and pay your 1946 dues and keep YANKEE DOINGS coming each month. — Lee Redfield.

WHY NOT FORM A CHAPTER?

Any ten men, or more, who served in the Yankee Division overseas for a stipulated length of time, can form a chapter in a city or town without a chapter.

If you live in any of the following cities get together, you YD men, and apply for a charter. Our National Secretary will inform and help you if you will write him:

Pittsburg, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; San Francisco, Calif.; Columbus, O.; Nashville, Tenn.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Allentown, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; York, Pa.; Atlanta, Georgia.



National Commander Dennis J. Brunton congratulates Fred A. Jones, General Chairman of National Convention Committee on the progress made to date of the Worcester Convention.

This is *Larry Cook*

You YD veterans will remember him as a Past Commander of the Providence Chapter Y.D.V.A., a Past Commander of the Y.D.V.A. Dept. of Rhode Island and a World War Veteran of Headquarters 102nd Infantry.

Now we want you to meet the 1946 version of Larry Cook, President, Treasurer of L. H. Cook, Inc., plastic molders *AND* your *NEW* candidate for YD National Commander.

Larry was a native "nutmegger" who was transplanted to Rhode Island and who through the splendid cooperation of Rhode Island Chapter of Y.D.V.A. was able to help organize and direct one of the finest YD Chapters in the country. Then too, Larry was the first Commander of the Providence Chapter after its reorganization, and was Department Commander of the Rhode Island Chapter in 1940.

We're *RE*-introducing Larry because for the past 4 war years he's been applying the "nose-to-grindstone" technique and was automatically forced into inactivity in YD work.

Now Rhode Island YD leaders have chosen Larry to represent that state as candidate for National YD Commander.

Larry himself greatly appreciates this honor and is eagerly looking forward to being the first YD National Commander from Rhode Island for several years.

HISTORY OF YD COMING

It is coming! A complete story of the YD from its initial activation as a division under General Edwards through its de-activation in January, 1946. The National Executive Committee has appointed a history committee comprised of representatives of World War I, World War II and the national guard period. The committee has been commissioned to publish a complete history of the YD.

Under the chairmanship of John Cotter assisted by Guy Watts, William Bowler, William Callanan, William R. Porter, Ralph Palladino, Albert McWade, Ray Wilkinson, Richard Gannon, Walter Mosely, John Sheehan, Rex Maurer, Melvin Welsch, Edward Murphy, George Collins, Jere Doherty, Father Bransfield, Dan O'Brien, George Sullivan, and Carlo Casale the committee has held several meetings to formulate ways and means of publishing the history. It requests that any good combat photos, interesting or amusing incidents, or information of a reliable historical nature, which you may have, be loaned to the committee for study and possible use in the history. The material you loan will be carefully handled and returned undamaged. Send it to Guy Watts at 200 Huntington Ave., Boston.

When completed, the history will be something every YD'er will be proud to own. It will be attractively bound, printed on enameled 9 x 12 paper, crammed full of photos, sketches and maps, approximately 400 pages.

Watch for more information on the progress of the history in next month's YANKEE DOINGS.

REP. REECE NAMED TO G.O.P. HELM

Rep. Carroll Reece of Tennessee was elected Republican national chairman by national committee delegates meeting in an atmosphere of harmony and optimism.

The former farm boy from Johnston City, a member of Congress for 25 years, won on the third ballot over his two principal opponents, former Senator John A. Danaher of Connecticut and John W. Hanes of New York city, undersecretary of the treasury in the Roosevelt administration.

Rep. Reece served with the Yankee Division in World War I.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

ENTRANCE TO BELLEAU CEMETERY

Photo taken by 1st Lt. Gardner L. Watts while serving with the 27th Photo Rec. Sqn. of the Eighth Air Force. Lt. Watts was formerly with Hdqrs. Co. Special Troops, 26th Division before transferring to Air Corps.

"HERE WE GO AGAIN"

Not finding fault but just wondering, that's all. Read in Boston papers and YANKEE DOINGS about 101st Infantry Banquet and noticed all the Generals, Colonels, Lt. Col's, etc., were present but no mention made of our National Commander. It's been a long hard struggle for Y.D.V.A. but if every YD man did his part, really made an effort to boost — to build up, what an organization it would be.

As said before by me — in 1918 the 101st Infantry needed the 101st F.A. and Machine Gun Companies, Engineers just as 102nd Inf., 103rd Inf., 104th Inf., needed the 102nd F.A., 103rd F.A., Engineers, Signal Corps, Supply and Ammunition units, Medical Corps, etc. We all needed each other and this made the 26th Division famous. No regiment would have made any record or been cited without the support of all necessary units. The same spirit and coordination should exist now if Y.D.V.A. is to grow. Of course it's natural for each regiment to think they were best, but you know right well, that the 101st, 102nd, or 103rd or 104th Infantry would have failed without superior backing up. Why not all band together and all meet at our National Convention for one big reunion, instead of having separate conventions. Several cities should have strong chapters, but this regiment business prevents them, namely Gloucester and Holyoke, as top examples. Boston should have at least 5000 members and if those live-wire 101st Infantrymen could see the light, it would.

— Ray Doucette.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene A. Beaudoin, 140 Summer St., Lewiston, Me.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Albert Osborne
Secretary: Harry E. McInnis
54-A Silver St., Waterville, Me.

A special meeting was held April 4, 1946.

Albert Osborne was installed as commander of the local chapter of the Yankee Division, Thursday night at the rooms of the V.F.W. Also taking office were Clovis Joseph, Vice-Commander; Joseph Hurd, Second Vice-Commander; Harry McInnis, Secretary; Napoleon Poulin, Treasurer; Arthur Poulin, Dan Cayford, and Lannas Boyd, Advisory Committee; and Alfred Poirier, Membership Chairman.

After a steamed clam supper, prepared by our new commander and his wife, and informal speeches by the retiring officers, a short business meeting was held. It was voted to form a Woman's Auxiliary, and with Mrs. Alfred Poirier acting as Chairman the following officers were elected: Mrs. Clovis Joseph, President; Mrs. Albert Osborne, Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Carter, Secretary and Treasurer; Bernice Tardiff, Chaplain; and Mrs. Alfred Poirier, Hospital Chairman. They will be installed later this month.

Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Crosby, President and Vice-President of the V.F.W. Auxiliary respectively, were present as guests. Music was furnished before and during supper by Philip Damon and Lamiru Dumont, students at Winslow High School.

As in the past 25 or 30 years ago, there were a few lively discussions over the liquid refreshments that went along with the clams. And by the way, for future reference to other members of the YD, clam juice and beer will mix, and bring results.

Chief Poirier of the Waterville Police Department (ex-Top-Kick of H Co., 103rd Infantry) as in the past remains the spark plug of the Waterville Chapter, although he, as well as a few others, are getting a bit bald on top. The old spirit remains, however, although we miss the efforts of our Pete Diambri and his wife's spaghetti suppers, but we hope that some chapter in New Hampshire is enjoying them. However, with the newly formed Auxiliary, we should enjoy more active interest in the future, and without a doubt you will hear from us more often.

— Harry E. McInnis.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael E. S. McDermott, 50 Main St., Hanover, N. H.
Secretary: George Simoneau, Curtiss Inn., Manchester St., Manchester, N.H.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Burton Knight
400 Young St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Fred Hoyt, Jr.
Amoskeag Bank Bldg., Manchester, N. H.

The annual meeting and installation of the officers of the Manchester, N. H. Chapter were held at the William H. Jutras Post No. 43, American Legion Hall on April 10, 1946.

Some 85 YD men sat down to a well prepared baked ham dinner. From the way the boys went at the feed bag it was either good or their appetites had been sharpened by the attention of Sam Davis, Andrew Dobbin and Walter Smith.

Just at the start of the meal toastmaster, P.N.C. John W. Dunlap introduced Leonard Corbett, Leonard Hooper, Russell Gelinas, Nobert Van Der Beken, Armand Demers, Hector Oikle (Derry, N. H.), and Russell Maes, all veterans of the famed Yankee Division of World War II. All have joined the Manchester Chapter. We are very proud of them and welcome them into the YD. It was the privilege of the toastmaster to present Russell Maes, Card No. 1, in the Manchester Chapter, he being the first YD man of World War II to join the chapter.

Before and during the dinner the gathering was entertained by Mrs. Edward Cousins at the piano and Stanley Struder with his violin and banjo. They did a grand job with the old and new songs.

Commander John Blidberg opened the meeting and introduced P.N.C. Elliott Carter, who with the assistance of Eustice Perron as Sergeant-at-Arms installed the following officers: Commander, Burton Knight; Vice-Commander, Edward Cousins; Junior Vice-Commander, Archie Vigneault; Treasurer, Karl Byam; Secretary, Fred Hoyt, Jr.; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph Donnelly; Chaplain, Eli Montiminy; Trustee, John Blidberg.

A short intermission followed a very interesting and inspiring talk by Josaphat T. Benoit, Mayor of the city of Manchester, N. H. The intermission was not wasted as the boys gathered around the piano and sang as they used to in France in 1917-1918 and 1944-1945.

A very interesting array of speakers responded, Maj. Frank Abbott, Department Commander of N. H. McDermott, Sr. Vice-Commander of N. H. George Simmoneau, Adelard Gagnon, Commander of the Jutras Post, A. L. Major Bucannan (who is still in service), Col. John J. Jacobson, Jr., and P.N.C. Elliott Carter.

Colonel Jacobson gave a very interesting talk on France as we old timers knew it and as he found it in World War II. P.N.C. Elliott Carter spoke on the Yankee Division Veterans' Association as he represented the National organization.

Jim Kierstead was detailed by President Fred Jones of the Worcester Convention Corp. to lead the group of workers to Manchester. Believe me when I say Jim sure knows his stuff. He led us through the proposed convention in June and with the plans completed the boys in Worcester, Mass. are going to make this the finest convention of all times. The Manchester gang will be there strong. Good luck and we will be seeing you in Worcester, Mass.

Eugene Dugas, Dr. Forrest Drury, Dan O'Neil, Howard Beadle, Arthur Gilmore, Leon Tarbell, Clarence Firth and in fact all kept the ball rolling until the close of the evening.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye, 83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey, 77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

BEVERLY
Commander: Norman MacLean
15 Sturtevant St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whitten St., Beverly, Mass.

We held our annual election of officers for 1946-1947 with the following results:

Norman MacLean, Commander; William Prest, Vice-Commander; Fred Hammond, Chaplain; George Bright, Secretary; John D. McIsaac, Sergeant-at-Arms; Augustus Cressey, Frank Smith, Abel Katz, Trustees.

Office of Treasurer held open until next meeting. Our installation was held on Wednesday, April 24th and Past State Commander Thibeault did the honors.

After the meeting we had a few movies shown by P.C. Fred Hammond which were greatly enjoyed by all.

Doughnuts, coffee and cheese were served in the Whoopee Room by P.C. Frank Smith, Norman MacLeon and Abe Katz.

Had a call from P.C. Bob Standly telling of a friend of his who met our good friend "saw bones" Dr. Walsh, formerly of Lexington, but now located at Clearwater, Florida. He wishes to be remembered to all 101st fellows. General Foote is also located in the same city.

— Joe Bright.

BOSTON

Commander: Frank W. Coppinger
27 Adelaide St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Our regular monthly Smoker held on April 18th was very well attended and for entertainment we had Sergeant Mintz with some interesting movies. Our membership at the end of the last fiscal year was 900 and we have paid to date for this year and a month has not gone by—550. It looks as if we should at least double our last year's figure. We are not only getting new World War II men but lots of World War I men are coming back into the fold.

The following from World War II have joined since the last issue: Edward Erlandson, H, 328th Inf.; John H. Perry, C Bty., 263rd F.A.; Rosario Pistorio, 1st Bn., 101st Inf.; Francis O. Cosman, Co. A, 101st Inf.; Cornelius E. Dailey, Div. Band; Henry Kulik, Div. Band; Anthony Fucillo, Div. Band; Manuel Gaman, Div. Band; Edward L. Logan, Div. Hdqrs.; Wm. Curry, Co. L, 101st Inf.; James G. Saunders, Cannon Co., 101st Inf.; Wm. T. Raftery, Medical, 101st Inf.; Vincent H. York, Co. M, 101st Inf.; Samuel S. Carmell, Co. B, 101st Inf.; Robert G. Joyce, Co. F, 328th Inf.; Pasquale Treuisone, Co. H, 101st Inf.; Donato A Deyesso, Co. E, 101st Inf.; Norman Blake, 1st Bn., 101st Inf.; Peter Amadeo, Bty. C, 102nd F.A.; James A. Dorsey, Service Co., 101st Inf.; Morton Thaler, Co. H, 101st Inf.; George E. Cobb, Service Co., 180th F.A.; Thomas L. O'Toole, Co. E, 104th Inf.; Wm. E. Riordan, Co. M, 101st Inf.; Wm. H. Mirley, Co. I, 101st Inf.

CONCORD

"Minute-Man Chapter"

Commander: Bernard F. Snee
47 Woburn St., Lexington, Mass.

Secretary: Charles E. Carton
22 Webber Ave., Bedford, Mass.

April 9, 1946, meeting at YD Dugout, Bedford—11 attended, coming from Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lowell, Stoughton and Waltham.

Meeting opened by Commander Snee at 8.45 P.M. Chaplain Joe Daigle was on hand and looked in very good shape after his vacation at West Roxbury Vets' Hospital.

New business—We have sent a card to all members feeling them out on having a sixth anniversary mixed party on June 11th. Return your cards to the secretary by May 14 and bring a guest. Let's make this our biggest. No price can be set on tickets until cards are in.

Machine Gun Mooney showed after being away since September. He was not in jail. Just could not seem to get around to meetings.

We now have only two World War II members. Come on Concord bring some in.

Professor O'Grady was in, in all his glory and had a receipt book and a full fountain pen. Sixty-eight paid up last year. Make it a hundred this coming year.

Minute-Man Chapter comrade, and also Dept. Vice-Commander John Sullivan of American Legion, is running for Department Commander of Legion. Let the YDVA get behind John and give him a boost towards this office.

Next meeting May 14, 1946 — 8.00 P.M. — YD Dugout, Bedford. Dues are Doo.

— Sully.

FITCHBURG

Commander: William King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Secretary: James Meffen, Sr.
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter held its April meeting in the club rooms on the ninth of the month with the usual 50 to 55 members present. The rest of the gang will please note that dues were payable at this meeting and please try to get them in before next meeting so you can go to the convention in June as a paid-up YDer.

Comrade Bill Stapley spoke on the meeting of the Veterans' Counsel and the problem that was arising as to a proper memorial to the present day veterans. This question comes up at our next meeting.

Tom Kennedy spoke on the meeting held by the National Executive Committee and on the State Meeting at Salem. From what Tom says we should have some very interesting State Meetings this year so keep them in mind.

Fitchburg Chapter voted to endorse the Washington Chapter in their efforts to amend the constitu-

tion at the convention. At this meeting a hot debate took place on the question of new members. The members finally voted to accept men from World War II. Let us try to get this thing settled once and for all at Worcester in June.

The chapter voted to hold the regular YD Memorial Day service in Monument Park as an annual service of the YD rather than turn this work over to the new veterans' organization.

Will all members who have won uniforms please get in touch with the commander as the chapter has voted to pay the full price now being asked and has arranged to get them before convention time. Get busy. Uniform won this month by Charles Priest.

Hamburgers and Dawson's wound up the meeting but we meet again on the 14th of May in the same place and at the same time.

— James Meffen.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

The comrades of Haverhill Chapter have been playing in tough luck lately. Past Comdr. Francis Lynch (F. Co., 104th Inf.), seriously ill. Past Comdr. W. Perry Tarelton (A Battery, 102nd F.A.), has been in the hospital and Comrade Ernest W. Lambert, (A Battery, 102nd F.A.), fell down stairs and broke his right arm between the elbow and shoulder. At last reports the two latter comrades were coming along O.K. but not too much was known about Comrade Lynch.

On the other hand, Past Comdr. Ernest A. Meteyer was installed Sr. Vice Commander of the Mass. State Dept. YDVA on Sunday, April 7th. Dues are beginning to trickle in and the comrades are planning to go to Worcester for the Convention in June.

Would like to see more of the comrades at the meetings. Seems hard to convince the comrades that the YD in no way conflicts with the major veteran organizations. After all the YD is really a family affair. We had the same experiences and know the same country. That applies to both World Wars. After all the YD of World War II fought over much the same territory as the old YD of World War I.

— C. H. Norton.

LOWELL

Commander: George T. Morse
34 Staples St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Joseph H. Lemire
25 Sayles St., Lowell, Mass.

The above are named as pro tem to meeting called for Tuesday night, May 14 at rooms in Veterans' Wing of Memorial Auditorium.

Plans will be discussed for annual banquet which has been dispensed with during the war.

Membership drive is now on. Have you paid your dues? Election of officers also plan of attending YD Convention in Worcester in June.

Joe Lemire was named Secretary-Treasurer to replace the late Wallace Duncan who for many years rendered good and irreplaceable services to all YD men.

— J. H. Lemire.

LYNN

Commander: Wm. T. Eddows
369 Essex St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Forgot to mention that at our Welcome Home Dinner we had two more Honor Roll comrades present. Lt. Col. James Brown and Lt. Col. Chester "Doc" Brown. The chapter is very active on several committees for the Big Welcome Home Week in June, and several of our members are key men of this celebration to last one week. Col. John Pickett is chairman of the big parade on June 16th. Harlan McPhetres is chairman of World War II parade on June 14th and James Connolly is chairman of registration and a lot of the members are on important committees. On May 30th, Memorial Day and on June 16th the chapter will parade as a unit, led by the famous Saugus High School Band.

The chapter's Rifle Team is progressing under direction of Richard Skinner and Robert Newman with over 50 members signing charter. War Department has already sent us 10 new rifles and we hope to get more.

On June 13th the chapter will hold open house for World War II veterans with George Walton in charge.

On April 20th the officers for 1946 were installed at the exclusive Oxford Club with a large crowd attending. National Comdr. Dennis Brunton was the installing officer ably assisted by his Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch. Commanders from all local Veterans' organizations were present and a fine program was enjoyed with entertainment and dancing following the installation.

Officers installed were: Commander, William Eddows; S. V. Comdr., Rudolph Heftye; J. V. Comdr., Leonard Burnham, W. W. II; Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette; Secretary, Edmond Trudell; Chaplain, Walter Smith; Sgt.-at-Arms, Stanley Janizewski,

W. W. II; Historian, George Walton; Trustee Trust Fund, Claude Hoag; Executive Committee, Thomas Curran, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Gustave Johnson, Robert Newman and Christian Schacht.

Past Comdrs. Robert Newman and Chris Schacht were presented P.C. Plaques and Nat. Comdr. Brunton. was presented a plaque and Roswell Patch received a gift. Bouquets were presented to President of Auxiliary and retiring and new commanders' wives.

Our membership drive is running ahead of last year and we should top 300 for 1946.

New members recently signed up were Charles Benway, Edmund Zimirowski, David Ahern, Glen Bachelder, Walter Badger, Robert Dunning, all W. W. II men, the latter being the first YD son and both he and his dad made a fine record — Robert being a Captain and his dad, Thurlow Dunning, a Lieutenant Colonel.

— The Duke.

NORTHAMPTON

Commander: John Bombard
4 Reed St., Northampton, Mass.
Secretary: Edward Poudrier
303 Riverside Drive, Northampton, Mass.

At a special meeting held April 3, 1946. The meeting got under way about 7:30 P.M. for election of officers. The following men were elected:

Commander, John Bombard; Senior Vice-Commander, Thomas Carroll; Junior Vice-Commander, Bernard Benoit; Secretary, Edward Poudrier; Treasurer, Edward Wright; Judge Advocate, Leon LaValle; Historian, Martin Winninger; Chaplain, L. Powers Fulton; Sgt.-at-Arms, Leonard LaFlam. Trustees, Frank J. Reardon, Frank White, Harry Packard.

A committee was appointed to look for new meeting rooms by the Commander. Two new members were admitted to the association. A motion was made to set a date and make all plans for the installation of the new officers. The meeting was closed at 9:30 P.M. The chapter then had a light lunch.

— Edward Poudrier.

SALEM

Commander: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.
Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Well our Welcome Home Banquet and Ball is over, and may we say right now that it was a success. We had over 150 new YDs in uniforms, and their lady friends in evening gowns and about 900 attended — not as many as we expected — but still a good crowd in any man's armory.

We had 64 at the head table — some head table — that included the ladies. A few that I can remember were Mayor Ed Coffey of Salem, Mayor Leo P. McGrath of Peabody, Rev. Chaplain Herbert Leger, Nat. Comdr. Dennis Brunton, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch and none other than our old artillery Gen. John H. Sherburne, who cooperated and took the uniform out of the moth balls and wore it; Col. George Dawson, Comdr. Henry Nichols, N.S.N., Lt. Col. Francis Brainard, Lt. Col. Thurloy Dunning, Lt. Col. Joseph Hayes, Lt. Col. Sylvester Morrison, Lt. Col. John Picket, Lt. Col. John Yatchavitch, Maj. Joseph Pokorski, Maj. Raymond Wilkinson, Maj. Joseph Cravatas, State Comdr. Joseph Watton, S. V. C. Ernest Meteyer, Comdr. C. Leger, Comdr.-elect, Salem Chapter, Ernest Pelletier, President Ladies' Auxiliary Jacqueline Thibault, President City Council Philip Morency, Al Shatswell, Commander American Legion, member of Salem Chapter; Myron Hutchinson, Danvers Chapter; Fred Jones, Worcester Convention Committee Chairman; John Splaine, Vet. Adm. Agent.

Speaking was limited to 30 minutes. We had 32 in one line in the Grand March — some Grand March. A photograph taken of the new YD group, will be mailed to each as our compliment with a souvenir of the affair. Entertainment at 10 P.M. and dancing to 12 P.M.

Our new officers: Commander, Ernie Pelletier; smiling Ernie is a good worker and the boys are behind him; Sr. Vice-Commander, Edw. Rennick; J. Vice-Commander, a brand new YDer, Bertram Julien; Treasurer, Yours Truly, Donald Duck; Chaplain, another brand new YDer, Walter Coan (we don't know how virtuous he is but we will listen to his prayers before the meetings); Historian, another new YDer, Henry Genest; Board of Trustees, two new YDers, Louis Simard and William T. Wallace; Dutch Ayers, Joe St. Charles, Lucien Pelletier.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Walter F. Gilligan
47 Armstrong Ave., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Robert D. Nash
531 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, Mass.

The "Joint Installation of Officers' Party", an event looked forward to for some time, is now a matter of history for this year. This gala affair, which saw the new officers of the Auxiliary and the new officers of the Springfield Chapter, replace their predecessors, was very smoothly handled, thanks to the preparatory work of our new Sr. Vice-Commander David J. Hogan and his committee.

Prior to the ceremony, a delightful dinner was enjoyed, served in true Hotel Kimball style. It became evident at this time that the committee's estimate of attendance was either very good, or they were very fortunate, for any increase in the gathering would have forced someone to eat in the lobby.

Col. John J. Higgins, former Commanding Officer of the 104th Regiment, very ably handled the duties of Master of Ceremonies, introducing the various speakers and distinguished guests. All of the speakers were brief and very well received. His Honor Daniel B. Brunton, Rev. George S. L. Connor, National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton, State Comdr. Rudolph Heyfte, Comrade Jones, YDVA Convention Chairman and a host of others passed their oral pills of wisdom throughout the gathering, and as Father Connor expressed it, "Amply paid for their dinner."

The actual ceremony was performed by a most distinguished member of our own chapter, National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton, who was most ably assisted by our National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell F. Patch.

The following officers were seated for the ensuing year:

Commander, Walter F. Gilligan; Sr. Vice-Commander, David D. Hogan; Jr. Vice-Commander, Luther D. Hackett; Secretary, Robert D. Nash; Treasurer, Benjamin E. Johnson; Chaplain, Roger C. Nash; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Lech; Historian, George R. Norton; Judge Advocate, Alfred La Freniere; Trustees, Dennis J. Brunton, Angelo Curto, Roswell F. Patch.

Auxiliary—President, Mrs. Margaret Johnson; Sr. Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Valentine; Jr. Vice-President, Mrs. Marion Hogan; Secretary, Mrs. Loretta Huntly; Treasurer, Mrs. Avis Beach; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Dee; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Elaine Greenlee; Historian, Mrs. Madeline Hackett; Trustees, Mrs. Mary Brunton, Mrs. Myrtle Gilligan, Mrs. Florence Patch.

Following the installation ceremony dancing was enjoyed until 2400.

— Robert D. Nash.

WORCESTER

Commander: Henry M. Russell
76 Mill St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

Many of the camrades of this chapter have not received their dues notices as yet due to the many things that have come before me, the lateness of their arrival from national headquarters, and the fact that we have to put on the added dues covering the local chapter, takes time so if any of the comrades want to send in their dues before they get the cards so much the better. Jimmy Kierstead will gladly give them a temporary receipt until their membership card comes along. The re-ups are coming in good and as a matter of fact I believe we have about 130 at the present time including many of the new comrades of World War II.

The response to General Paul's letter that appeared in "Yankee Doings" in regards to membership in this organization is bearing fruit according to the many cards that come in without the local dues attached. The convention is also making an impression on some of them. In time to come when we have the new members listed we will have their names published so that the comrades may see where their friends are located. Many of the new comrades are now busy working on the convention committee with P.C. Fred Jones, and showing great spirit and willingness to help.

Worcester Chapter lost one of its most ardent supporters recently in the death of Comrade William S. Gilliam. Bill as he was most widely known continued his military activities in the State Guard to which he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. As per a ruling by the chapter the charter stands draped for 30 days in memory of our departed comrade. The chapter extends their sympathy to the family of our departed comrade.

Had the pleasure a short while ago to visit in Willimantic, Conn., with the convention committee, and while there met several of the old comrades that I have not seen for a long time. Sorry not to have seen Larry Lindgren at the meeting, but glad to see that old 'Doc' Keating is able to jump around with the boys. He has often said that he wants to be remembered to Tom Foley (our Chief); seems that they were together a lot during the last conflict; so here it is, General Foley, Doc Keating wants to be remembered to you.

It's funny how many comrades you miss when you are away for awhile. If Walter Boardman of Meriden, Conn., sees this, howdy Pal, and sorry to hear that Bucky Adams has joined the ranks above. Remember me to all of the gang.

As in years past Fred C. Worsley of Methuen, formerly from the valley was one of the first in with his dues, even though he has moved away from here he has always said that he would continue his membership in this chapter. Good luck to you, Fred, and may you continue in good health. We have often said that there is nothing wilder than WILDER, so Edward F. of Webster has started the procession

from that locality in payment of dues. Glad to hear from John Barmby also of Webster — would like to hear from more of you boys up there.

The member from the longest distance sending in his dues to the local chapter is Wilfred J. Senecal of 1331 No. Parker Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Thanks Will and how about Gene W. Ryan of 111 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, Ind., could you get him interested again for membership? Well all in all dues are due and we are always glad to hear from all of our comrades. After all, the convention is coming and friends will meet friends and will want to visit the club. So just to keep Jimmy busy send in those dues.

— COE.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Carl G. Olson, 1492 Main St., W. Warwick, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: William A. Geddes, P.O. Box 457, Warwick Neck, R. I.

STATE MEETING

Rhode Island Department, YDVA met Sunday, April 7, 1946, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton, R. I., as the guest of Kent County Chapter.

Opened by Kent County Chapter Commander Simpson it was then turned over to State Comdr. James McCullum for installation of both State and Chapter officers. The Commander was assisted by his Sgt.-at-Arms Vickery.

The State Department officers were installed as follows: Commander, Carl Olson, Kent; Sr. Vice, David Davidson, Providence; Jr. Vice, Joseph Shabbot, Pawtucket; Chaplain, Roy Simpson, Kent; Secretary, Wm. Geddes, Kent; Treasurer, John Moran, Pawtucket; Albert Plant (acting); Judge Advocate, Frank Mara, Providence; Historian, John Murray, Providence; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Dyson, Kent.

With joint installation the following Kent County officers were installed: Commander, Henry Bacon; Sr. Vice, Wm. Geddes; Jr. Vice, Edward Luther, Jr.; Chaplain, W. Earl Bergin; Secretary, George McLeod; Treasurer, Carl Olson; Historian, Alfred Heaton; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Dyson.

The hall was nearly filled — 110 attending — 10 from Providence; 4 from Pawtucket; 12 from Kent; also seven members and their families from the Groton-Stonington Chapter of Connecticut and their Commander, Wills.

Comrade Vickery is always on his toes. He must have been a good soldier — recommended that we should look for a National Commander from this state soon.

Don't forget the Worcester Convention in June is the next big thing on our docket, then the State Department Field Day and Bake to be announced later. The committee is as follows: Providence Chapter, Whitman, Kelly, Dunn; Pawtucket Chapter, Mellin, Shabbott, Plant; Kent County, Bacon, Bergin, Geddes.

Comrade Vickery told the boys that all should attend the Memorial Sunday services. A large attendance looked good for the boys who had passed on.

The following gave short speeches: Richard S. Hughes, Harry Jacobson, Donat Demers, V.F.W.; Mrs. Bertha Brouillard, Auxiliary, Langevin Post; John Kelly, Commander, Providence YD Post, V.F.W.; James Girvan, Commander, Providence YD Post, American Legion; James Whitman, Commander, YDVA, Providence; Commander Plant, Apremont Chapter; Commander Wills, Groton-Stonington Chapter, Connecticut; Past Comdr. Amos Mills, Norwich YDVA.

Col. James Datson of Westerly, who served as a captain in the first World War and Commander of coast defence in World War II, spoke of his experiences in both wars.

The meeting was brought to a close by Comdr. Carl Olson and all were invited by the Kent County Ladies' Auxiliary to one of their grand feeds. The girls sure know how to put a tasty meal together.

Now that the war is over and we can relax a little, let's all go to more meeting than we have been able to attend in the past. We were all pretty busy and could not always attend, but now it is different.

— Wm. Geddes.

PAWTUCKET

"Apremont Chapter"

Commander: John L. Mallon
56 Sabin St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

Now that the war, bond drives and whatnot are all behind us it is time to get down to the chapter meetings and bring to life some real old time get-togethers. As your new commander I am asking your support in making this chapter the most lively one in the State Department — it is up to you. Turn out in force and that means each and every one of you get down to all chapter meetings and resume old friendships with old buddies. BUDDIES — do you remember what that meant to you in France? That meant some one on whom your very life might have to de-

pend upon at any second and we did depend on them. I am asking you to attend meetings, renew old friendships, make new friends and enjoy their company in the business and social activities of the chapter, also bring in some of the boy's of the new YD.

Give your whole-hearted support to all the other officers of the chapter in making this the best year in the chapter's history.

DUES ARE NOW DUE. It is time to get on the horse and get moving.

The 27th Annual Convention of YDVA is only a little over a month away so get your dues paid up so you will have your membership card with you so you can get in and take the floor in case you wish to speak for or against any business transacted at the convention. This is your organization, it is up to you comrades to get down to the meetings of your chapter and prove it, take the floor, offer your suggestions or advice to your chapter officers and help them to keep your chapter as you want it — here's hoping to meet you soon. — John L. Mallon.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: Henry Bacon
86 New London Ave., W. Warwick, R. I.

Secretary: George R. MacLeod
180 Wendell Rd., Lakewood, R. I.

State Department and Kent County Chapter officers of the YDVA were installed at joint exercises, Sunday, April 7, 1946, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton, R. I., by S. D. Comdr. James McCallum, who was assisted by James Girvin as Sgt.-at-Arms. Officers inducted were:

S. D. Commander, Carl Olsen; Sen. Vice Commander, David Davidson; Junior Vice Commander, Joseph Shabbott; Chaplain, Roy Simpson; Secretary, William Geddes; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Dyson.

Kent County Chapter, Commander, Henry Bacon; Senior Vice Commander, William Geddes; Junior Vice Commander, Edward Luther; Chaplain, W. Earl Bergin; Secretary, George MacLeod; Treasurer, Carl Olsen; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Dyson.

Among those present were Col. James Datson, P.S.D.C. John Kelly, Comdr. James Whitman, Providence Chapter, Comdr. Alfred LaPlante of Apremont Chapter, Commander Willis of Groton-Stonington Chapter, Comdr. James Girvin of YD Post, A.L., P. C. Comdr. Francis Dunn, Comdr. Amos Mills of Norwich Chapter, YDVA; also five past commanders of Langevin Post, V.F.W. Carl Olsen, Henry Bacon, Richard Hughes, Harry Jacobson and Donat Demers — Mrs. Bertha Brouillard of the Auxiliary of Langevin Post, V.F.W.

Col. James Dotson of Westerly, who served as a captain of Eng. in the first World War and was commander of coast defenses in World War II, told of experiences in the two conflicts.

The Ladies' Auxiliary served a wonderful lunch. During the lunch Miss Mary Ainsworth of Providence gave a group of vocal solos. Mrs. Jamie Singleton of Davisville was pianist.

The prize was won by Col. James Dotson of Westerly.

The Kent County Chapter wishes to thank our Past Comdr. Roy Simpson and Mrs. Simpson for gift of American flags also to Past State Dept. Comdr. William Bergin and Mrs. Bergin for the YD Flag. Next meeting May 11, 1946. Dues are Due.

— George MacLeod.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Ralph Whitman
455 Killingly St., Providence, R. I.

Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 10, R. I.

Murray and Mack have been re-elected to office for the fourth term. If you think we are trying to hog the job just send in your name and we will gladly turn the position of abuse over to you. There's one good point to this daily grind. You don't have to pay an income tax on the salary paid by our Ways and Means Committee. Why? According to Chairman Walter Vickery, charity begins at home.

In the next 11 issues of DOINGS we are going to make an effort to acquaint you with every member of our chapter. Here's the first salvo from Betsy the Sniper. Albert J. Tracy, Armando Cianfarani, Arthur V. Kinaston, George H. Nye, Joseph A. Paquin, Peter J. England, Ernest Allard, Earl J. Hingham, Edwin L. Reid, Dr. Richard E. Bell, Charles Perry, Ralph Bodette, William Sheldon, Earl Irons, Col. Samuel Hall, Col. Everitte S. Chaffee, Capt.

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As I pen out these words my partner in crime, "Betty" Murray is under the quilts with ignition trouble. Let's hope she recovers in time to attend the National Convention which is to be held in Worcester. If you can't make it for the three days try and be there for the big parade which will be held on Sunday. According to Harry Jones, this is going to be the best ever held. Well, Harry, if it tops the one we held in Providence back in 38 we'll hand you the orchids.

Here's a few leaks from Betty's hot water bottle: Ex-Sgt. Maj. John J. Sharkey writes in from Dayton, Ohio that he'll send in his dues if we favor him with a monthly letter, a meeting notice, a YD dues card, and a copy of DOINGS. That's OK with us but when he asks Murray and Mack to try and get him a couple of pairs of NYLONS that's asking too darned much. From what I've heard Big Bill Andrews enjoyed his 21-day stay at the Jane Brown Hospital. He expresses thanks for cards and letters received. At this writing Walter McHale is battling for his life. Let's hope he wins this big one. Col. Ed Forsythe has left Belgium for Scotland. Why? He's gone on a fishing trip. Isn't it wonderful, fellars, to be a brass hat. Willard S. King, New Jersey; James S. Clarke, Brockton; Ken Burnham, Fall River; Walter F. Lyons, Attleboro; Jack Creamer, N. Y., and Al Meyers, Newark, extend their best to fellow jammers in R. I. Received word from France that the barracks at Cokey Dan now boast of electricity. Here's a chance for Ben, Nevins, Larry Paolino and O'Brien Thayer to overcome the G.I. Housing shortage. Here's the final leak from Betty's bottle—If you haven't paid your dues kindly send the same ($2.50) to Horace O. Thayer, 433 Industrial Trust Bldg., Providence 3, R. I. For less than a nickel a week you can't go wrong.

The following members have been elected for the ensuing year: Commander, Ralph Whitman; S.V.C., Walter Vickery; J.V.C., James J. Girvan; Chaplain, Fred O. Mortensen; Treasurer, Horace O. Thayer; Judge Adv., Edwin M. Mara; Historian, Lawrence Cook; Trustees, Kirk Smith, Michael Crescenzo, Francis Dunn, and Sgt.-at-Arms, Thomas G. Garvey. The above named were installed by P.D.C. Larry Cook, ably assisted by Mike Crescenzo. I'm not kidding when I say that Larry and Mike would look good holding down a high spot on our National ticket this coming year.

Our elected officers are but humans. The success of the chapter depends upon the support you give. Make an effort to attend meetings. If you'll do that I am sure our officers will dig in and make this the best year in the history of YD. Let's get on the ball and make 1946-47 banner years.

Here's the $64.00 question. Take it or leave it. Why should you continue your membership in Providence Chapter, YDVA? Since 1920 we have carried on the tradition of the Yankee Division. To my knowledge we are one of the few if not the only one, of the 28 divisions who fought in World War I who maintain their own magazine. That is indeed a record to be proud of. It has been made possible by the faithful YDers who have made the sacrifice year after year in continuing their membership. Through the columns in DOINGS we have played our part in keeping together the various elements with whom we served. The names of famous divisions with whom we fought side by side in '17 are but a memory. Their exploits lie buried beneath the cob webs of libraries. If YOU fail in your duty to re-up your dues it is but the beginning of the death of your old YD. Where there's life let us all do our part in keeping before the public the tradition of the famous Yankee Division for which many of your buddies bled and died. Let's hope the new YD carries on in the same spirit.

DOINGS in the opinion of Murray and Mack is but a living memorial to those who died on the field of battle and to those who have passed on in the aftermath. On this coming Decoration Day we shall revere the memories of such fine comrades as Eugene Blair, Walter "Bud" Fisher, Louis Steen, Ambrose Whitwam, Henry G. Garceau, Martiel Ruerart, Aubrey Bartlett, Raymond Taylor, James McCrystal, Walter "Gigger" Hodgson, Charles Hampel, James Ellsmore, John Fortini, Harold Gross, Anthony Simone, Albert J. Morris, Dr. Daniel Harrop, Henry Gauthier and others. To our members, Walter B. Thorpe, Ernest Buckley, Ernest Allard and the late Raymond Taylor whose sons died on land and sea we shall as long as there's a YDVA revere their sacrifice and gallantry in World War II. May their souls rest in peace.

Please consider this an invitation to attend our next meeting which will be held on the 5th of June. It shall be observed as "open house" for men of the new YD. If you know of any who served bring them along. Through our local press we are going to try and contact all those eligible to join. Here's hoping our efforts lead to a bigger and better YDVA in the years to come. — Willie and Betty.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence R. Roys, 87 N. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order by Comdr. Clarence Roys at 3:35 P.M. Colors were posted by incoming and outgoing Sgt.-at-Arms as the comrades stood at salute. Prayer by Chaplain Dike. Roll call of officers, eight present. Roll call of chapters, 12 present. Minutes of previous meeting voted not to be read due to the length of double installation.

Father Anderson called to rostrum to announce the date of YD Memorial Service at Trinity Church, Waterbury, Conn., June 9th. It was voted H. Leroy Woodcock be appointed chairman of the YD Memorial Service.

Comdr. Clarence Roys instructed Sgt.-at-Arms to escort National Comdr. Dennis Brunton and National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch to the rostrum to act as installing officers. Sgt.-at-Arms escorted the incoming officers to the anteroom where they were instructed, then conducted to the rostrum and installed by National Comdr. Dennis Brunton, assisted by National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch. The following were installed:

Commander, Clarence Roys; Jr. Vice-Commander, Joseph Kolinskey; Chaplain, Wm. O'Neil, Jr.; Service Officer, Clyde Beckwith; Historian, John Goss; Senior Vice-Commander, John Carter; Treasurer, Sam Marcus; Amer. Officer, Rev. R. B. T. Anderson; Judge Advocate, Col. Ernest Novey; Legislature, Ben Bourn.

Comdr. Clarence Roys then instructed the Sgt.-at-Arms to have the officers of Windham County Chapter retire and be instructed. They were then escorted to the rostrum where they were installed by Comdr. Clarence Roys.

Fred Jones, chairman of the Worcester YD Convention gave a very interesting talk on the convention. P.D.C. Gardner Hall then presented Past Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Euclid Pimpare with a Past Sgt.-at-Arms pin. Comrade Ray Cooper of New Haven Chapter extended to Dept. of Connecticut an invitation to hold their May meeting in New Haven. The May meeting will be held on the third Sunday in May according to the usual custom as the second Sunday is Mother's Day.

It was voted to have your secretary mail a copy of the minutes to both the Commander and Secretary of each chapter.

Commander Wardsworth of Groton-Stonington chapter extended an invitation to the Dept. of Connecticut officers to come to Westerly, R. I., May 5th, and install their newly elected officers.

Comdr. Clarence Roys announced that the installation of officers of Meriden Chapter would take place Saturday, April 20th, at the Blue Room Cabin Grill. Supper is at 6:30 at $1.00 per plate or $1.50 a couple.

Secretary H. Leroy Woodcock announced that P.C. Vigneulles, Waterbury Chapter, YDVA, would hold their annual Seichprey Dinner at the Copper Kettle, Lake Hotchcock, Waterbury, Conn., on Sunday, April 28th. Dinner prompt at 6:00 P.M. Dinner $3.00 a plate.

Comrades, last year our YD Memorial Service at Trinity Church, Waterbury, Conn., Father Anderson officiating, was not very well attended due to the lack of publicity. This year we hope to have a very large attendance, so will all you Chapter Commanders keep this date in mind — June 9th. At this special YD Memorial Service uniforms are requested. Now then, let's all get in back of our Father Anderson and fill his church!

— H. Leroy Woodcock.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Fred Collier
29 Roanoke Ave., Fairfield, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

At the last meeting of the Bridgeport Chapter we held a double installation, the chapter and auxiliary installing their officers together.

The installing officer was Past State Comdr. Fred Hirsch from New Haven who performed very interestingly.

Our new officers are: Fred Collier, Commander; Robert Rayburn, Vice-Commander; Auso Paci, Jr.; Joseph Wynkoop, Treasurer; Samuel Zolo, Secretary;

Frances McCarthy, Chaplain; Daniel Palumbo, Sgt.-at-Arms; Phil Fray, George Carlos, Sam Marcus, Trustees.

The ladies elected and installed a full slate whose names I will send in later.

Phil Fray and Mrs. Fray are spending a few weeks in Florida regaining his health.

Comrade Erny May was at the installation looking much better after his illness and we hope he will be well soon.

The boys from W. W. II that have joined up are taking an active part in our chapter with three of them as officers and we hope that they will keep up the good work and get others to come in.

Bob Rayburn reports that Mrs. Rayburn, who was very ill is getting along fine and will join us soon and keep up her active work as past commander of the Auxiliary and we are all glad to hear that.

The meeting closed with plenty to eat furnished by the untiring ladies. — Sam Zolo.

HARTFORD

Commander: Harry T. Robertson
Greenwoods Rd., Norfolk, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case

Hartford Chapter records another year of success, this time under the capable leadership of Comdr. Paul J. Caravatt, 102nd Infantry. Next year the reins will be in the hands of Harry T. Robertson, 104th Infantry, who was elected commander at the last meeting of the chapter held April 4.

Other officers elected were Leonard H. Fletcher, senior vice; Harold Ellingwood, junior vice; Col. Henry A. Beebe, treasurer; Carroll B. Case, secretary; Gilbert Walker, chaplain; Edgar F. Miller, judge advocate; Stuart R. Spears, historian; Sigmund Buczinski, sergeant-at-arms; Benjamin A. Bourn, John E. Curtin and John R. Edwards, trustees. The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting of the chapter on May 9. The membership of the chapter for the past year was 248.

Charles Blossfield, business manager of the Hartford Baseball Club, gave an interesting talk on the prospects of the game for the coming season. A buffet luncheon was served after the program. C. B. Case.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph Wood
25 Tinker Ct., New London, Conn.
Secretary: A. L. Chrissos
271 Eastern Pt. Rd., Groton, Conn.

We have changed our name to Matthew L. Perry Chapter, in memory of the only YD man from New London to give his life for his country in World War II.

A new flag is being purchased with the new name inscribed. We hope to present it to the chapter on the day of our installation of our new officers.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

At our last meeting we elected new officers who will be installed May 4. They are as follows:

Commander, Joseph Wood; Senior Vice Commander, R. I. Sparks; Junior Vice Commander, Harold Belnap; Secretary, A. L. Chrissos; Treasurer, Harry Hill; Chaplain, William F. Donegan; Sgt.-at-Arms, Henry Sullivan; Trustees, John Couch, John M. O'Connors, John Bruce.

Two new members have been added to our chapter: A. L. Chrissos and Fred A. White, both veterans of World War II from the 104th Infantry. Four more new members will be signed up shortly.

— A. L. Chrissos.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Ray C. Cooper
65 Lilac St., New Haven 11, Conn.
Secretary: Otis H. Culver
181 Cove St., New Haven 13, Conn.

New Haven Chapter has started off the new year with a bang, well over 100 members being reported paid up to date by Senior Vice-Commander Ray Hayward, who is out to beat our all time high of 1945 — 320.

The Chapter officers have held two meetings since their installation to take up matters pertaining to socials and other activities and a full program of activities is promised all through this year. Heading the list, of course, is the Worcester Convention in June, and all of us down here are looking forward to the big time with interest.

Our officers were installed by National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton, assisted by P.N.C. William A. Forsyth and National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell F. Patch at Ceriani's "Cafe Mellone" on Saturday, April 6th, Army Day, a highly interesting evening of entertainment and appropriate speeches by Hon. William C. Celentano, Mayor of New Haven, Frank J. Lawn, Director of the Veterans' Information Bureau of New Haven and our National Commander, was enjoyed by all present. Other invited guests included our own P.C. Frank P. Lee and Irving G. Dorman, managers of the Veterans' Administration's offices at New Britain and Bridgeport, Conn., respectively.

Of course, Mrs. Brunton and our "cover girl", Marita Brunton and Mrs. Patch were on hand to grace the occasion as well as Mrs. Evelyn Forsyth,

and numerous wives of members and guests. What's an affair without them?

Copies of "Connecticut Fights", the story of the 102nd Infantry by Capt. Dan Strickland, were awarded to our Comrades Dwight W. Chapman and Felix Sparvel, as the outstanding members of our chapter during the past year.

The following were installed as officers for 1946: Commander, Ray C. Cooper; Sr. Vice-Commander, Raymond W. Hayward; Jr. Vice-Commander, Albert E. Lindgren; Historian, Louis J. Popolizio; Asst. Historian, Joseph E. Vella (W. W. II); Chaplain, Sherwood W. Rogers; Asst. Chaplain, Julian J. Short (W. W. II); Sgt.-at-Arms, William J. Hartigan (W. W. II); Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, Felix Sparvel; Trustees, P.C. Dexter A. Cargill, Raymond F. Charboneau and Sherman V. N. Best.

Our retiring Commander, Dexter A. Cargill was presented with his Past Commander's button, a gift from his chapter, in appreciation of his work, by P.C. Otis H. Culver, life-long friend and responded with a few well chosen words of thanks, and a pledge to carry on for YDVA.

The highlight of the evening was the presence once again of Capt. Robert B. Nett, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, together with his wife, mother, sister and military aide. Commander Cargill, in an appropriate speech presented Captain Nett with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate in New Haven Chapter.

The Captain, New Haven's only holder of the coveted Medal of Honor, and one of three in Connecticut told those assembled of his pride and happiness in the honor conferred, as he left New Haven with the old 102nd Infantry of World War I, which was part of the 43rd Division in World War II.

Commander Cargill and his committee for the affair are to be congratulated on its enjoyability and success. — O. H. C.

MERIDEN

Commander: Henry E. Carter
100 Madison Ave., Meriden, Conn.

Secretary: Lawrence Dewey
15 Platt Ave., Meriden, Conn.

At our March meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, Earl Carter; Senior Vice-Commander, Howard Matteson; Junior Vice-Commander, Sam Tyler; Secretary Lawrence Dewey; Treasurer, Stanley Rakowski; Chaplain, C. D. Kirkham; Sgt.-at-Arms, Alex Poliwoda; Historian, Eben Dike; Trustees, Clarence Roys and George Semran.

We are quite proud to have two of our members again elected this year to the department as officers. They are Clarence Roys, Commander and Eben Dike, Sgt.-at-Arms. — H. Matteson.

WILLIMANTIC

Commander: Dr. W. P. Keating
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.

Secretary: Gardiner Hall
So. Willington, Conn.

The last chapter meeting on April 1 was well attended. It was the last meeting for Martin Cohen as commander. Marty has put in a busy year and takes his place along side of the "has been's" as one of our best Commanders. Thanks from all the gang Marty. At the meeting P.D.C. Lindgren reported on the coming Past Commanders' Night to be held May 6th. The report was one of real progress and promises to be an outstanding affair.

Another installation of Department and Chapter officers has come and gone and it was an outstanding success. The department officers were installed by Nat. Comdr. Dennis Brunton assisted by Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch and as usual Denny was as efficient as ever. It seems that the National Commander and his aide are now full (adopted) by the Dept. of Connecticut. Following the Dept. Officers the Chapter Officers were installed by the new Dept. Comdr. Clarence Roys and assisted by the Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Eben Dyke — both did a real nice job of it. This writer predicts that Roys and Dykes will be a mighty efficient team during the coming year. Best wishes to you both from the gang in Willimantic.

The department meeting was carried on with dignity and dispatch and was over in one hour and a half.

Remarks were made by President Fred Jones of the Convention Corp. Committee as well as Earl Holbrook, the Convention Treasurer. After listening to both there is no need in urging registrations at once for those who have not registered (this includes the wives also) and also don't forget those Raffle Tickets which are going to mean a great deal to the success of our convention. Our good friend Clyde Elliott, the Convention Secretary, was on hand and took a bow. Clyde was sort of quiet but was sure welcome.

We are now starting the new year with the largest number of re-ups we ever had — 45 to be exact — three-fourths of our total of 60 with which we wound up the year 1945. You who haven't sent in your dues yet get busy please and let's get it over with.

Following installation there was a nice Buffet Supper and by the way the food disappeared it must have

been OK. A few hungry customers were seen diving for "seconds". The Committee of Maass, Haggert & Co. did a bang-up job and thanks boys from all. A raffle of two quarts of liquor was held and well supported by all those present. Bob Hall was noted diving in and out selling Raffle tickets (though he might have been looking for his charming wife at first) but that wasn't the case. Bob did a nice job and much credit goes to him for the sale of these tickets.

I was glad to see our new YD boys on hand. They must have found out what makes YD click. One of the finest department meetings yet held is now history. Why can't we have more like them?

"Uke" Pimpare was caught off balance for once — Uke was escorted to the platform and presented a Past Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Pin by P.D.C. Hall on behalf of all the Past Dept. Commanders whom "Uke" served so efficiently and well over a period of years. Uke is well known to hundreds of YD men in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and this popular gent sure deserved this belated recognition. It was indeed a pleasure and with personal satisfaction that the writer had the privilege of presenting this pin. Best wishes Uke. May you have many more YD years ahead. (On to Worcester gang).

— G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

It is with a feeling of deep sorrow that I report the death of Chandler's infant son. I feel sure that I voice the sentiments of the local chapter when I say that our heartfelt sympathies go out to Chandler and his family.

I called on Bob McLaughlin out at Fitzsimons hospital and if the manner in which Bob stowed away his supper is any indication as to his condition, Bob is doing O.K. I saw Clyde Eastman, whom I had not seen for years, recently. Clyde and I had a drink and a few minutes visit. Major Preston attended the Old-Timers' baseball banquet, a banquet at which "Dizzy" Dean and Bob Hawk were the guests of honor. The Major is expecting to be discharged soon and if his discharge comes through on schedule, it will be just 27 years to a day since his discharge from World War I, in which he served in the 102nd Infantry.

Norton expects to take part in the American Bowling Congress to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., May 8 & 9. It is just possible that after the tournament is over, that he may make a trip to Boston and visit with some of his old Battery mates. Norton served with Battery A, 101st F.A.

Loeb has a new car. When Chapin heard of Loeb's new car, he expressed a desire that his new one would arrive so that he could drive back to Boston. Carl Johnson told us of some interesting experiences which he had had while traveling by plane.

"Rocky" presented us with the statements for the annual dues. One of the statements was for Joe C. Lujon, a member of the new YD. Joe is still in the Service but is expected to be discharged shortly.

We missed Dr. Morris at the meeting, the doctor has been for years and still is, active in the affairs of the V.F.W.

Mrs. Pedicino, widow of Pat who passed on last fall informed us that their son, Eugene, who is a Navy H.A.1/c, expects to be discharged soon, after which he expects to resume his medical education. Irene, the daughter, is an honor student at Denver University.

Goedelmann is still working nights which accounts for his absence from our meetings. Murray had a fine time on his vacation, a goodly portion of which was spent down on the Gulf of Mexico, fishing.

Temple Buell's son, who is a Lieut. in the Air Corps, is stationed in Tripolitania, Buell asked what the new 26th had done in this war. "Temp" don't you ever read YANKEE DOINGS?

The election of officers was held — same old story — "Rocky" & Vetter. Thanks fellows, but how about giving us a break and electing someone else for a change. It's getting slightly monotonous! We are in receipt of several copies of the Lynn "Barrage", a monthly paper published by the YD Chapter of Lynn. Thanks fellows.

— Vetter.

NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph F. Nevin
1 Sherwood Terrace, Yonkers 4, New York
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon
75 Pine St., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.

In the quaint atmosphere of little old New York, our April meeting was held at the NYU Faculty Club

at 22 Washington Square in the heart of Greenwich Village. We combined with the Federal Board Students of the School of Commerce, NYU (all WWI wounded veterans). The basement pine room bulged with over 120 and YD carried the event with over 70. The outstanding guest of the evening was our own YD comrade, Hon. B. Carroll Reece, now the Republican National Chairman, who went on the air via WOR at 10 P.M.

Joe Welsh, alias the original Pop-Eye, did his stuff and other distinguished guests at the dias were suavely presented by own Fred Brown, Dept. Commander of the U. S., Fred outclasses the outstanding Mr. Stittinius himself. (Naturally Senator Claghorn objects because the name is Brown.) That's a joke, son, that's a joke.

Our membership is growing with WW2 veterans. The following have signed up since our last report:

John Hussey, "A", 101 Engr. C.Bn;.; Casper W. Giacomo, "E", 101 Inf.; George W. Lowy, Hq. 2nd Bn., 101 Inf.; William F. Junge, "I", 101 Inf.; Milton Friedman, Ser. Co., 101 Inf.; Timothy J. O'Shea, Hq. 104 Inf.; William A. Gallagher, Hq., 104 Inf.; Theodore C. Lipinski, Hq., 104 Inf.; Albert T. Durante, "G", 104 Inf.; Francis A. Borgia, "B", 328 Inf.; Leon Stashin, "G", 328 Inf.; Edward J. Lustberg, Hq. 3rd Bn., 328 Inf.; Anthony Cuollo, "K", 328 Inf.; Stan S. Weingart, "M", 328 Inf.; Nat C. Panzer, Ser. Bty., 180 F.A.

We are still meeting on the Second Thursdays, but changed our location to 22 Washington Square North, NYC. Next meetings, May 9th and June 13th. In the summer we are planning an Outing at some nearby resort on a weekend — perhaps August 3rd. More later. I'm registered for the convention and Dinner to General Paul on June 29th. How about you, Yank? — "Nomel".

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Julius Wenzer
5207 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

All preparations are now complete for a gala time at our Triple Celebration on May 5th. This celebration covers three outstanding events — 10th Anniversary of our re-organization; Installation of Officers for the coming year; and Home Coming of the 2nd World War YD Veterans.

This will take place in the Crystal Ball Room of the Tudor Arms Hotel. Several notables have been invited to participate, among them are Gen. Willard S. Paul of the 2nd YD army; National Commander Brunton; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Otis (sister and brother-in-law of "Daddy" Edwards); Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio; and Mayor Thomas Burke of Cleveland. The reservation returns show a keen interest in this Dinner Party by the membership.

Each paid-up member is entitled to two plates free and a nominal charge of 2.50 per plate for each guest he brings.

Election of Officers resulted in the retaining in office the following for the year 1946-47:— Edward Dulude, Commander; Herbert Riehl, Vice Commander; Harold Nelson, 2nd Vice Commander; Fred Bastel, Treasurer.

For Secretary Juluis Wenzer, 2nd W. W. Vet, was elected. E. T. Gonsalves, Chaplain; Perley Wells, Sergeant-at-Arms; Ralph Mitchell, Historian; Fred Flahavan and Walter Haak, Trustees for three and two years respectively.

We have now about fifteen members from the new YD outfit. A couple of them are still in the hospital; a couple more have re-enlisted. The rest are enjoying civilian life as much as it can be enjoyed these days. — Edward Dulude.

LOS ANGELES
(Southern California Chapter)
Commander: Ralph W. McDonald
5018 Southall Lane, Bell, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles

There has not been much news in these columns in recent months concerning the YD Club of Southern California because there has not been much doing.

We had a meeting on April 3rd to talk things over and elect some new officers, the present ones having been elected in 1942 for the duration of the war.

A fair turnout responded to the notices sent out and we had a good time greeting a number of boys we hadn't seen in a long time.

President Ralph MacDonald was in the chair and the discussion of the evening's business was general and lively. It was decided to hold our present meeting hall by a continuance of the once a month meetings and try to build up the membership with veterans of both wars. The matter of electing officers was postponed to the May meeting although nominations for all offices were made.

Before adjournment we enjoyed a fine talk by Master Sergeant Donald M. Varley, 39th Signal Company, our first World War Two member. Don started with an account of the 26th Division training in this country and its overseas operations. He also answered many questions from his interested audience.

Full results of the election will be in the next issue of YANKEE DOINGS and an account of the Apremont Day reunion which is being planned for April 27th. — George K. Mitchell, Secretary.

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Sgt. Trimble Leader, (B Co.), veteran of both wars, paid us a visit to inform us he is still in the Army . . . By this time he is on his way to China.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Morrissette of Quincy, died at the age of 95 years on March 19, 1946 . . .. She was the oldest Gold Star Mother in the United States . . . Col. Dave Brickley (Mch. Gn.) represented Mayor Curley at the first reunion of the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor at the Hotel Bradford on April 9, 1946 . . . Have you seen Scotty Duncan (C Co.) in his new uniform . . . Looks like a Mexican General . . . Mike Crowley (B Co.), whose parents live in Ireland, was notified a few months ago that his father was killed in an accident . . . His mother, who is 86 years young, is still living over there.

Col. Walter T. Scott, who, commanded the regiment during W. W. II, sent a check for $10.00 for dues and donation to the 101st Hospital Fund . . . He wants to be remembered to all the boys.

At a recent meeting of Co. B at the YD Club of Boston, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Michael V. McNeil, President; William P. Sullivan, Vice-President; George McDonald, Secretary; and Brendon Mullins, Treasurer. Over 60 members were present and they are to be congratulated on their choice of officers and for a very fine meeting.

Word has reached me that Thomas (Buddy) Coughlin (Service Co.) is a candidate for the State Senate . . . Good luck, Buddy, and with some help from the gang you should make it . . . A replica of the 101st Infantry Regiment shield in silk, was presented to President William P. "Bucky" Coffey by Barney Golden (Supply) who received it from 1st Sgt. John H. Stedman, (Hdqts.) who carried it all through W. W. II.

If any more of you guys wish to donate anything in the line of souvenirs for our offices, send them right along . . . We would be glad to have them . . . Following a year's illness with heart trouble, a great soldier, William "Dutch" Holland (H Co.) died at the Boston City Hospital on March 30, 1946 . . . Dutch died as he always wanted to, alone. . . . Surviving him is a brother and two sisters . . . What interesting stories can be told about "Dutch" . . . Latest reports from Fred Jones (G Co.) Chairman of the YD Convention, states that they are being swamped with registrations.

"E" CO. ECHOES

Frank MacKenna kindly informs us that Wm. A. (Bill) Humphrys, is a resident of Wayland, Mass. We saw Bobby Paul on the street during March, looking dapper and prosperous as usual. Okie O'Connor is back in good old New England as Sales Manager for this district for his old Company. He's living at the Hotel Minerva while he looks frantically for an apartment. If you know of any place available, he'd appreciate hearing from you. Doddy Bent was in to see us early in February with his son, still in uniform, and his brother-in-law. It was nice having a chat with him and meeting his boy. He wanted to be remembered to all.

Saw a nice picture of Frank Coppinger in the January issue of "Boston Business" — the magazine of the Boston Chamber of Commerce — in connection with his work of finding jobs, etc. for returning veterans. Frank, by the way, is the new President of the YD Club of Boston. Best of success to you, Frankie!

Carl Payson kindly let us read a letter he had received from Joe Brodil out in California. We gather that Joe isn't too keen about that land of Utopia, so-called by "Native Sons".

Last week-end, Bill Crosby called us up to tell us the sad news that Bobby Porter's young daughter had passed away. The funeral was Monday, March 25th.

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WORCESTER, MASS.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Malcolm Jenney formerly of Company C, 101st Engineers died after a lingering illness. Burial was from his former home in Brookline, Mass., on Saturday, March 16, 1946.

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Malcolm W. Russell formerly of Machine Gun Company of the 101st Infantry died at his home in Wakefield.

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Word has been received of the death of John W. Watkins formerly of the Machine Gun Co., 104th Infantry at Bennington, Vt.

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Passed away on January 27, Lieut. T. B. Kane of Elmwood, Conn. He was a member of L Company, 104th Infantry and we regret the absence of further details.

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George G. Tyler, C Company, 101st Engineers, died on December 29th at the Veterans' Hospital at the Bronx, N. Y. We have no details.

Henry B. Tucker, Co. E, 101st Infantry, was laid to rest in Medford, Mass. on Feb. 25.

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Patrick J. Long, Co. E, 101st Infantry, died on Feb. 26. He was buried in Reading, Mass.

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George E. Kingsbury, 48, East Westmoreland farmer and veteran of World War I (103rd Supply Co.), who was injured April 8 when a truck he was driving was struck by a passenger train at the Gilboa railroad crossing, died at Elliot Community Hospital.

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The following deaths of YD men occurred in the Haverhill area during the past 12 months — due to the fact that the comrades were not members of the chapter not much is known. Stephen J. Bishop, A Battery, 102nd F.A.; William (Bing) Libby, A Battery, 102 F.A.; Buzzel or Bussel, F. Co., 104th Inf.

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Carl N. Lindsay, a former member of Battery F, 102nd F.A., in World War I, died at his home in Andover, Mass, Dec. 2, 1945. Former Chaplain M. W. Stackpole officiated at the service in his home. There were military honors at his grave in the West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

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Kelsie A. MacDougall, formerly of Battery 'B', 101st Field Artillery, died April 5, 1946. Burial services, Long Funeral Parlors, Cambridge, Mass, April 8, 1946.

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Charles E. Squires, formerly of C Co., 101st Eng., passed away, March 30, 1946. Home address 383 Pond Street, South Weymouth. Services at C. Shepard's, Pleasant Street, South Weymouth, Tuesday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m.

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Edward M. Guild, former Captain of Headquarters Co., 101st Infantry, died March 6, 1946.

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Frank Timmerman, formerly of Co. 'A', 102nd Machine Gun Bn., died suddenly at his home in Brighton, Mass., Sunday, April 7, 1946.

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Charles A. Libby, Battery A, 102nd F.A., Amesbury, Mass., passed away Jan. 22, 1946. No further details.

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Frank Jewett, Supply Co., 101st F.A., of Lynn Chapter, died in April. He had been ill for some time but his death came as a shock.

DON'T FORGET DEADLINE ON YANKEE DOINGS COPY

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Too Late to Classify

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE MEETING

Michael E. S. McDermott of Hanover was reelected commander of the New Hampshire Department, Yankee Division Veterans' Association, at the annual meeting of the organization held Sunday afternoon at the home of Manchester post, No. 79, A.L.

Other officers chosen are as follows: George J. Simoneau of Manchester, senior vice-commander; Eugene LaFlame of Nashua, chaplain; Burton W. Knight of Manchester, sergeant-at-arms; Norman Spencer of Brookline, treasurer; L. C. Horton of Manchester, secretary; Eustis Perron of Manchester, historian; Walter E. Moulton of Manchester, Leo Vigue of Concord and Henry A. Roux of Concord, members of executive committee.

The new staff of officers was installed by Past National Comdr. John W. Dunlap of Manchester and Past National Sgt.-at-Arms William McNulty of Nashua.

Speaking on topics of national interest to the YD veterans were Past National Comdr. Eliot A. Carter of Nashua and Past National Commander Dunlap. Representatives of the National Convention corporation of Worcester, Mass., spoke on the convention of the 26th division which will be held in Worcester June 27-28-29-30, at which time veterans of the YD in both wars will be united for the first time.

During the business session the department adopted a set of colors for the organization. Other speakers were Past Dept. Comdrs. Eugene Dugas of Manchester, Gilbert Young of Nashua, William McNulty of Nashua, Carl Morton of Nashua.

A lunch was served by member of Manchester chapter, the host chapter, under the direction of a committee headed by Archie Vigneault, Eugene Dugas and Edward Cousins.

Commander McDermott presided at the session.

DID YOU SERVE IN CO. I, 60TH INFANTRY?

My foster son was killed in Germany, Dec. 10, 1944. His name was S-Sgt. Fred Trombley, Co. I, 60th Inf., A.P.O. 9 c/o P.M., New York.

If some of the boys who were with him during his last days of battle and know the cause of his death will please write to me giving any information they can about him it will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Bertha Thombley, Box 201, Marlboro, N. H.

MAINE — ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY

The Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the YDVA paid host to five members of the Portland Chapter at their April meeting. Comdr. Harold Rutter, Austin Lund, Mitchel Kahill, William Love and Earl Howard, were in the party and did justice to the fine chicken pie supper which was served after the business meeting.

After the session broke up Earl Howard gave a demonstration of clam digging, in the swamp land near the camp. When the Pot O' Gold was drawn State Comdr. Eugene Beaudoin acted as master of ceremonies and called on William Love, one of the visitors, and like Beaudoin, a member of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery, to draw the name from the hat. He did. The name read, "Eugene Beaudoin." Comments flew sharp and rapidly instead of the usual "thick and fast."

Comdr. Isadore Fogel presided. Little business was transacted but State Commander Beaudoin reported on the recent executive committee meeting and the nominations agreed upon. Commander Rutter of Portland spoke on tax abatements in Maine for partially disabled veterans, the mess which was being made of some features of the GI bill of rights and the matter of a bonus in Maine for World War II veterans.

DETROIT

Commander: Francis Clark
5212 LaFontaine Ave., Detroit 24, Michigan

Secretary: Emil P. Ragna
15420 Woodingham Dr., Detroit 21, Mich.

Due to the activity of Peter Sady we finally got the boys together for a meeting at Sady's office. Among those attending were four World War II members of the YD.

Lieut. Col. Nelson McCormick, W. W. I-II gave an inspiring talk and outlined the objects and the mission of the YDVA.

One of the old boys present started to 'sound-off' about his experiences in the 'Big War' and nearly started a riot with the W. W. II youngsters.

At our next meeting on May 24th we will elect officers for the coming year, with the exception of secretary — the undersigned has been handed that detail.

The Detroit Chapter will now become active with the help of the new W. W. II members, who will advise the old boys that now is the time to throw away the canes and lumbago plasters and enjoy themselves in attending meetings and renewing old friendships.

— Emil P. Ragna.

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Boston Chapter: Third Thursday, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Ohio Chapter: First Sunday, 7630 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Springfield Chapter: First and Third Fridays, G A R Hall, Springfield, Mass.

New York Chapter: Second Thursday of month, 22 Washington Sq., North.

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